



BLACK HAWK

CAN IT BE STOPPED?

THE MONSTROUS
**WAR
WHEEL**



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BLACKHAWK



IT COULD NOT BE STOPPED!
FROM THE AGGRESSOR CAMP IT CAME,
A SPIKY JUGGERNAUT OF DOOM; BENT
ON SMASHING A FIGHTING DEMOCRACY!
IT SEEMED INVINCIBLE, FOR WITH ITS
STEELY TEETH IT RIPPED A PATH OF
DESTRUCTION THROUGH THE LINES OF THE
DEFENDERS! EVEN THE VALIANT
BLACKHAWKS SAW THEIR OWN
ATTACK CRUMBLE BEFORE THE TERRIBLE
ONSLAUGHT OF...

THE WAR WHEEL!

BLACKHAWK

HIGH OVER EUROPEAN SKIES, THE FREEDOM LOVING BLACKHAWKS SURGE FORWARD IN THEIR SWIFT JETS...

MEN, THE AGGRESSOR NATION HAS JUST INVADIED THE DEMOCRACY OF MALKARIA! THAT'S ENOUGH REASON FOR US TO BACK THE MALKARIANS IN THEIR FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL!

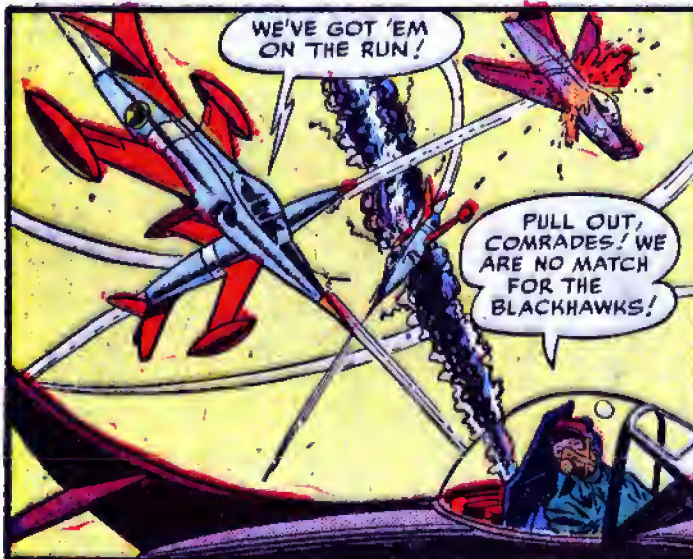
AT THAT MOMENT THE MALKARIAN AIR FORCE IS LOSING THE SKY BATTLE TO THE SPEEDIER ENEMY PLANES...

IT'S HOPELESS! ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS PRAY!

AS IF IN ANSWER TO THAT PRAYER, HELP COMES FROM THE SKIES!

POUR IT INTO THEM, MEN!

ALLONS, MES AMIS! WE FIGHT TO KEEP ZE WORLD FREE!



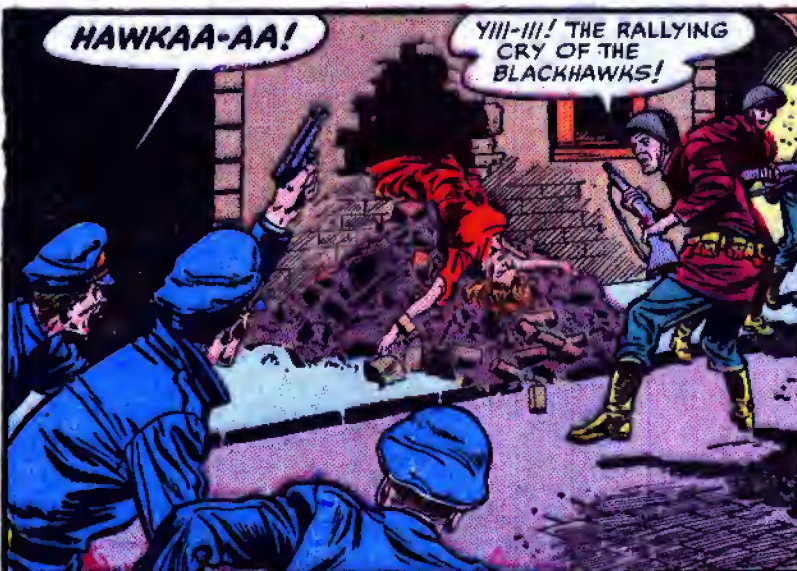
WE'VE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN!

PULL OUT, COMRADES! WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THE BLACKHAWKS!

THE AIR BATTLE WON, THE INTREPID BLACKHAWKS GIRD FOR BATTLE WITH THE INVADING INFANTRY!

COME ON! YOU WERE PRETTY SHARP UP THERE IN THE CLOUDS...NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND!

WHAT SAY WE DEMONSTRATE, BOYS!



HAWKAA-AA!

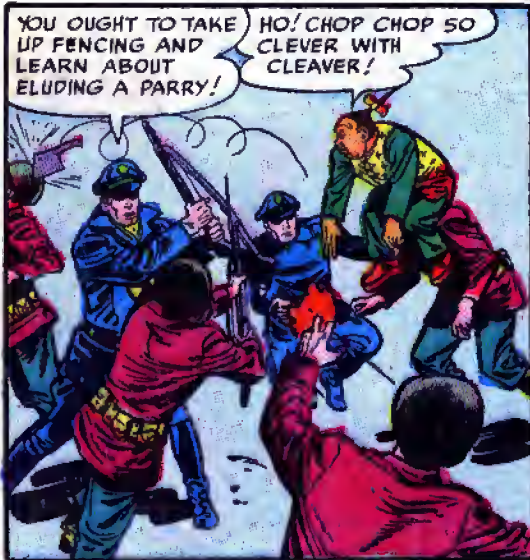
YIII-III! THE RALLYING CRY OF THE BLACKHAWKS!



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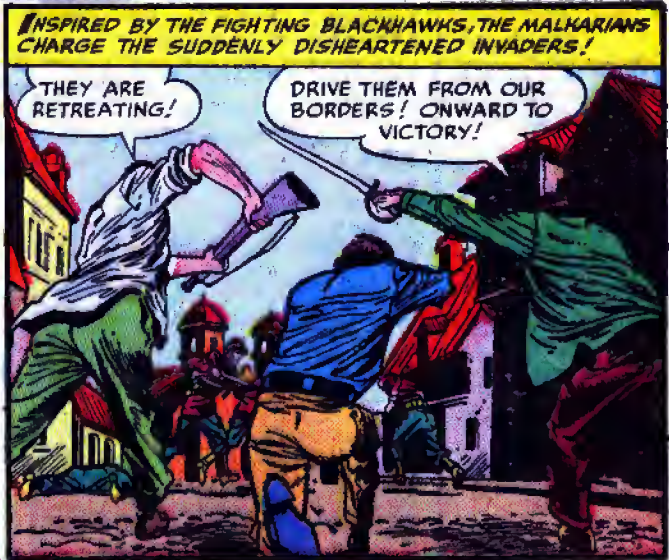
YOU TRY TO SMASH MY SO HANDSOME FACE ZAT ZE GIRLS ADMIRE! ZAT EES NOT VERY HOSPITABLE!

I PUT YOUR HEADS TOGEDDER UND I BET YOU STILL HAF ONLY ONE BRAIN BETWEEN YOU!



YOU OUGHT TO TAKE UP FENCING AND LEARN ABOUT ELUDING A PARRY!

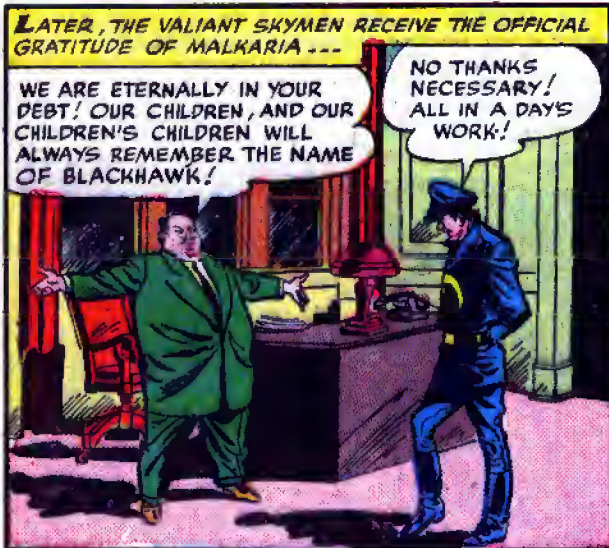
HO! CHOP CHOP SO CLEVER WITH CLEAVER!



INSPIRED BY THE FIGHTING BLACKHAWKS, THE MALKARIANS CHARGE THE SUDDENLY DISHEARTENED INVADERS!

THEY ARE RETREATING!

DRIVE THEM FROM OUR BORDERS! ONWARD TO VICTORY!



LATER, THE VALIANT SKYMEN RECEIVE THE OFFICIAL GRATITUDE OF MALKARIA ...

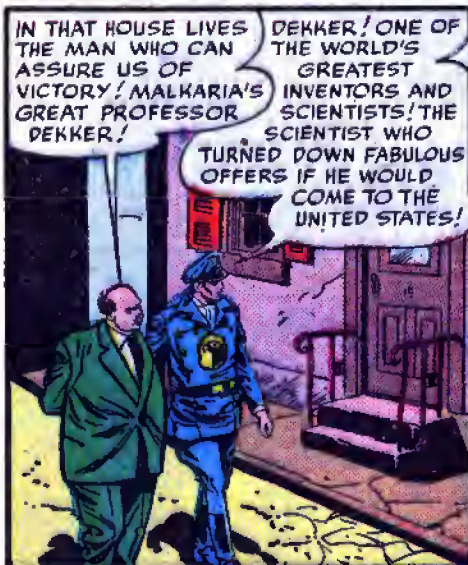
WE ARE ETERNALLY IN YOUR DEBT! OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE NAME OF BLACKHAWK!

NO THANKS NECESSARY! ALL IN A DAYS WORK!



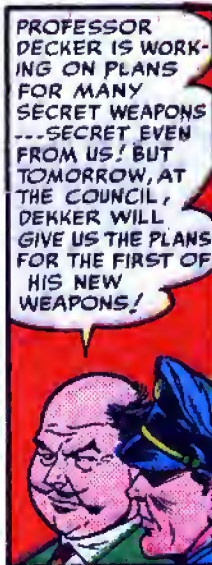
YOUR HELP HAS HELD OFF THE ENEMY! IT WILL GIVE US ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR A QUICK VICTORY!

"QUICK VICTORY"? HOW CAN YOU BE SURE IT WON'T BE A LONG, DRAWN-OUT FIGHT?



IN THAT HOUSE LIVES THE MAN WHO CAN ASSURE US OF VICTORY! MALKARIA'S GREAT PROFESSOR DEKKER!

DEKKER! ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTORS AND SCIENTISTS! THE SCIENTIST WHO TURNED DOWN FABULOUS OFFERS IF HE WOULD COME TO THE UNITED STATES!



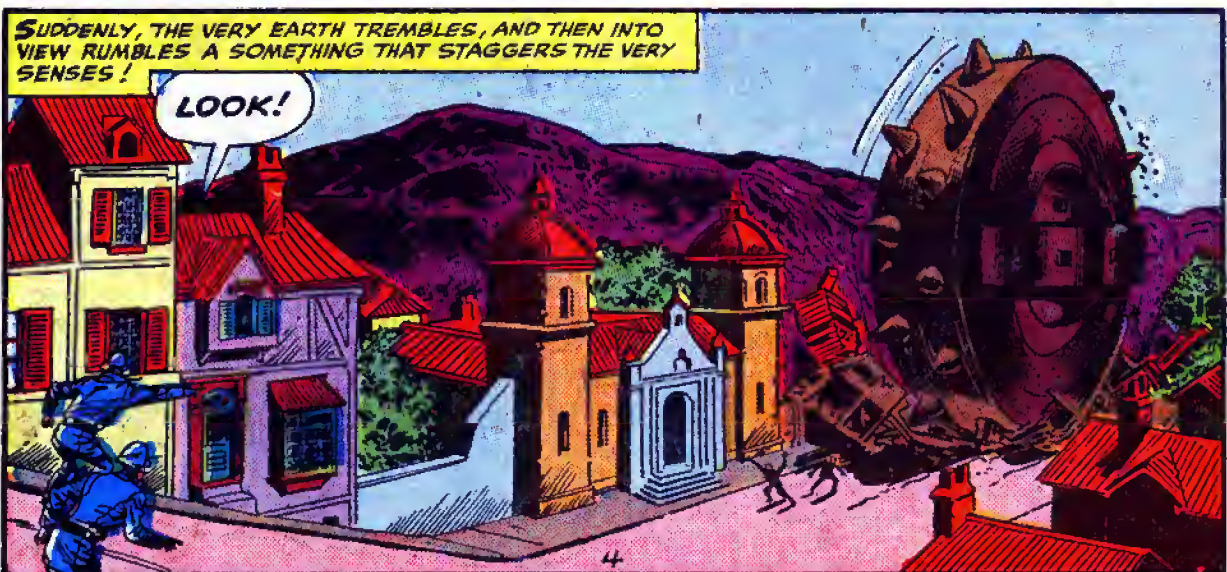
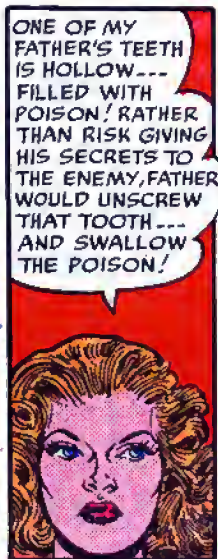
PROFESSOR DEKKER IS WORKING ON PLANS FOR MANY SECRET WEAPONS ... SECRET EVEN FROM US! BUT TOMORROW, AT THE COUNCIL, DEKKER WILL GIVE US THE PLANS FOR THE FIRST OF HIS NEW WEAPONS!



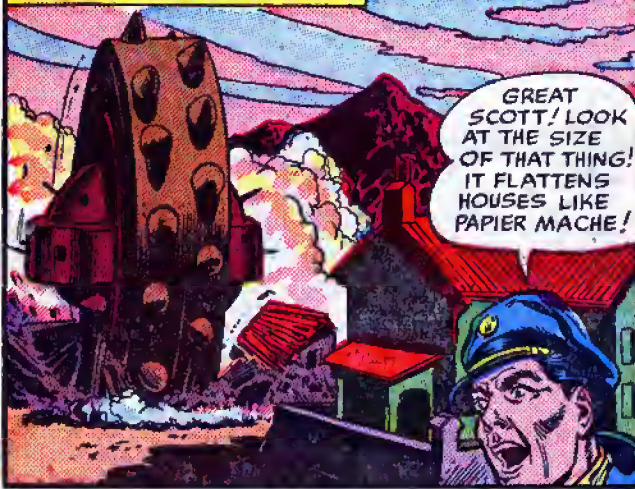
BUT, NEXT DAY, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER...

PROFESSOR DEKKER HAS GONE ... DISAPPEARED! ONLY THIS ENVELOPE WAS IN HIS ROOM!

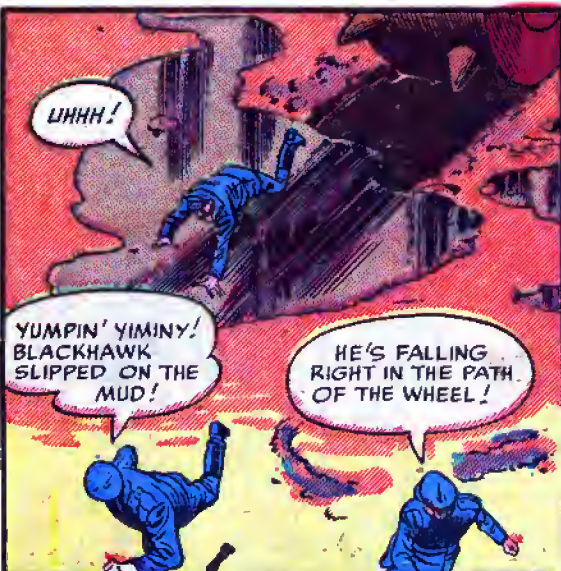
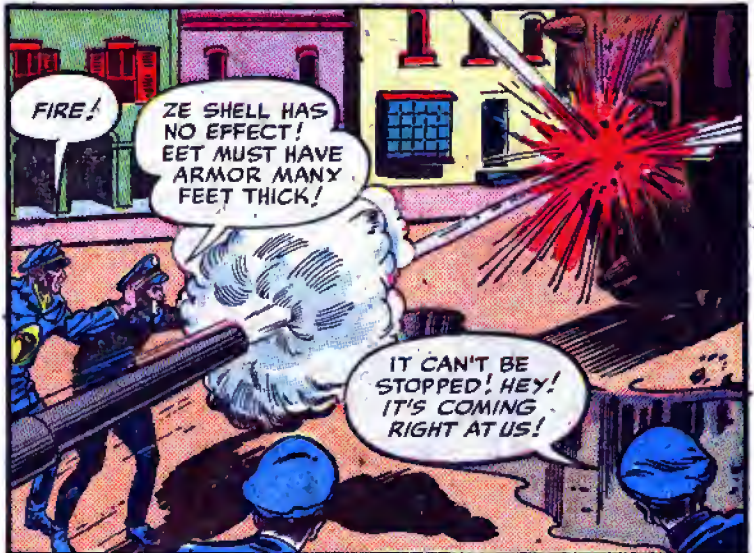
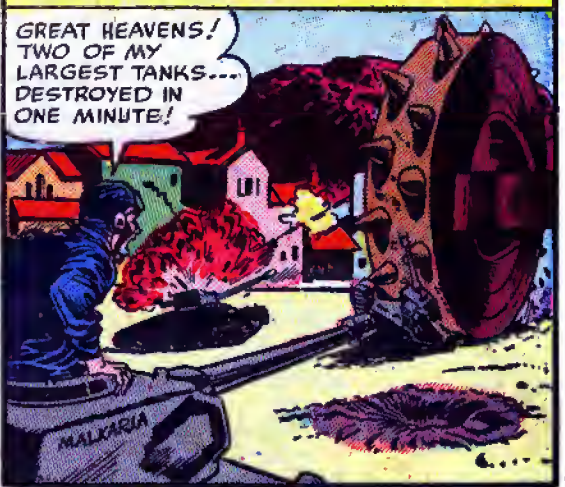
I am convinced democracy and capitalism are decadent and only bring on more wars. Therefore, I am giving my inventions to our "enemy", so that they can use them to bring peace to the world.
Dekker



A GARGANTUAN JUGGERNAUT OF DESTRUCTION, THE MONSTROUS TOOTHED WHEEL ROLLS ON, FLATTENING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH!



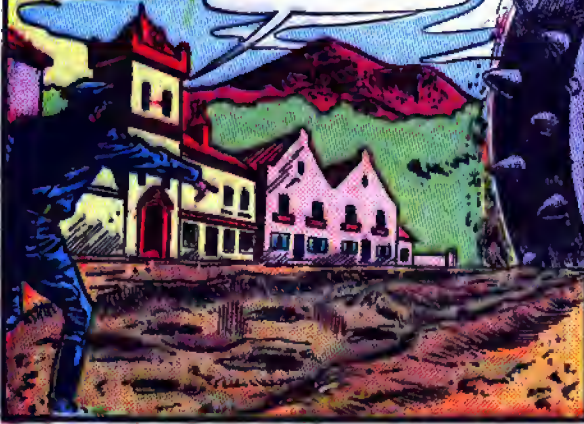
STEEL TANKS PITTED AGAINST THE WHEEL ARE SMASHED LIKE TOYS AS THE BRISTLY STEAM-ROLLER MOVES ONWARD...



IS THIS THE END OF THE GAL-LANT BLACK-HAWK?

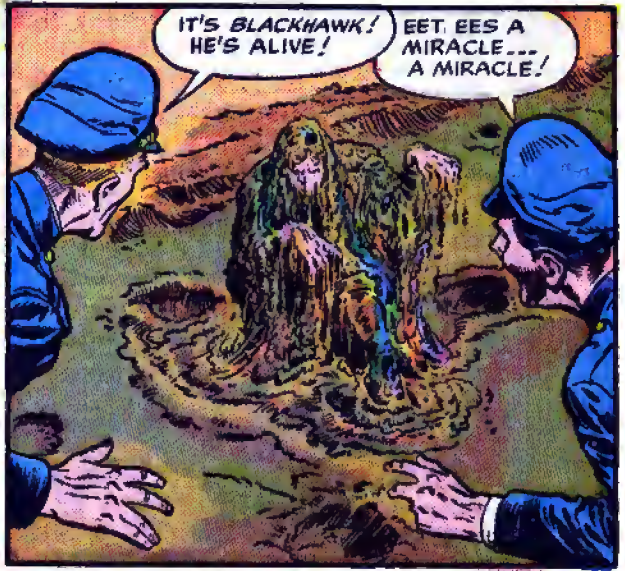
FOR THAT INCREDIBLE MINUTE, THE BLACKHAWKS ARE STUNNED, SHOCKED BY THE SUDDEN FINISH OF THEIR LEADER AND FRIEND, AND THEN...

LOOK! SOMETHING HEAVING OUT OF THE MUD!



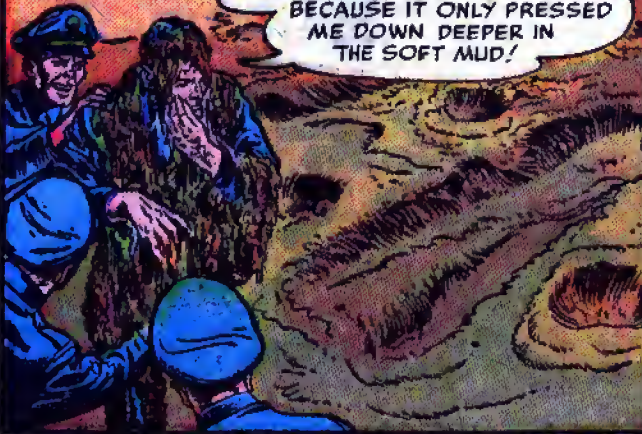
IT'S BLACKHAWK! HE'S ALIVE!

EET, EES A MIRACLE... A MIRACLE!



BUT... BUT HOW...?

WHEN I SAW THOSE SPIKES COMING AT ME I DIVED AT THE MUD AND PLACED MYSELF SO THAT THE SPIKES SPANNED ME BUT NEVER TOUCHED ME! THE WEIGHT OF THE WHEEL DIDN'T HURT ME MUCH BECAUSE IT ONLY PRESSED ME DOWN DEEPER IN THE SOFT MUD!



MON DIEU! YOU ARE UNBEATABLE, MON AMI! YOUR BRAIN EES ALWAYS QUICK ON ZE TRIGGER!

I'VE HAD MY SHARE OF LUCK! NOW, AFTER I CLEAN UP I WANT TO HAVE A TALK WITH LILIS DEKKER... ABOUT HER FATHER AND A SECRET WEAPON!



LATER, AT AN EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING...

YOUR FATHER LEAVES AND THE ENEMY GETS A NEW SECRET WEAPON! AND YOU SAY YOUR FATHER WOULD TAKE POISON RATHER THAN GIVE HIS SECRETS TO THE AGGRESSOR!

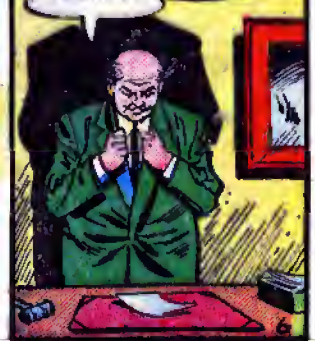
FATHER... FATHER...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

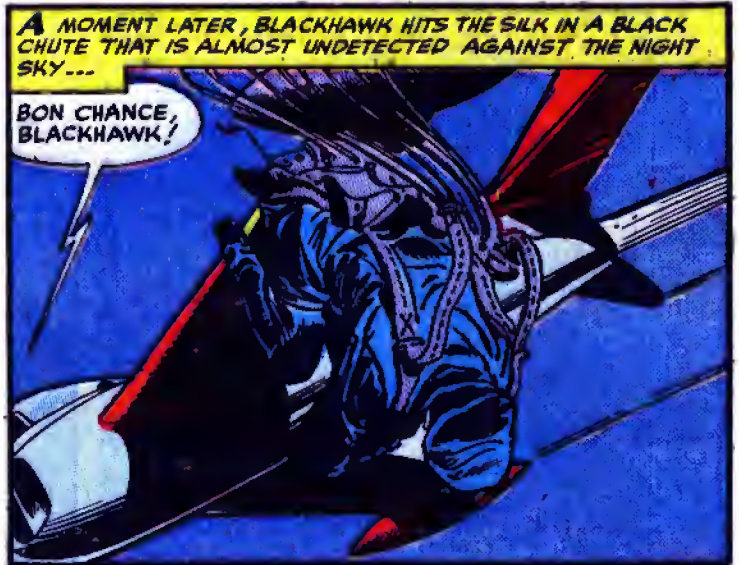


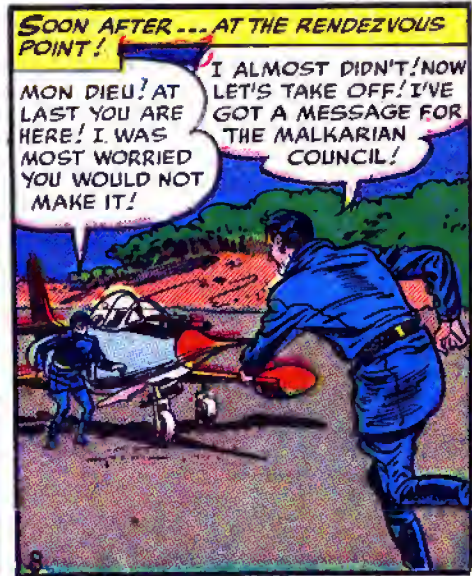
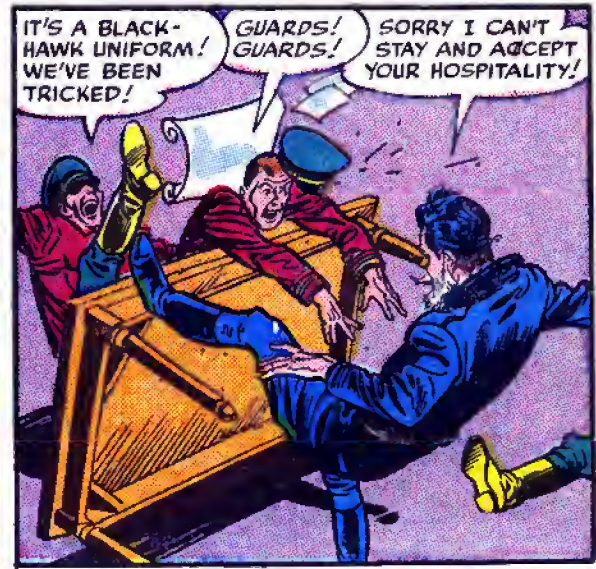
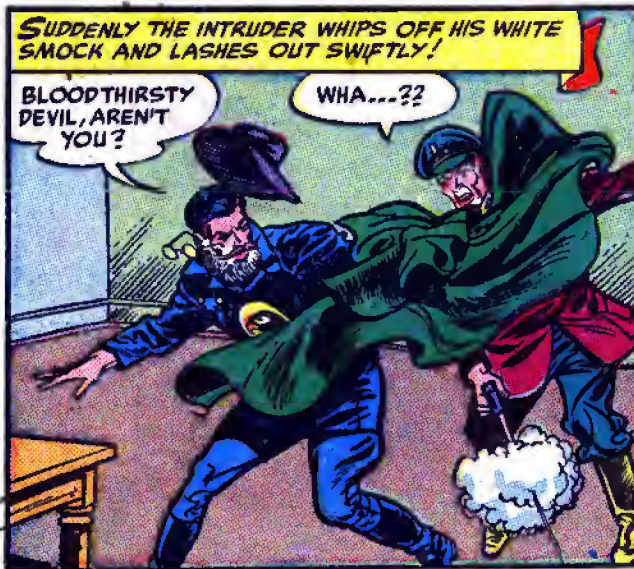
GENTLEMEN, IT IS OBVIOUS EITHER WILLINGLY, OR BY TORTURE, THE ENEMY HAS PLANS FOR BUILDING MORE SECRET WEAPONS! THE WAR WHEEL IS ONLY THE FIRST! OTHERS EVEN MORE DEADLY WILL COME!



GENTLEMEN, WE CANNOT POSSIBLY HOLD OUT AGAINST SUCH WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION! TO CONTINUE THE WAR WOULD ONLY MEAN A WASTE OF LIVES! WE MUST ADMIT DEFEAT AND LAY DOWN OUR ARMS!







BLACKHAWK

SOON AFTER, BLACKHAWK EXPLAINS HIS RUSE THAT SECURED THE TRUE STORY OF DEKKER ---

MY FATHER DIED LOYAL TO HIS COUNTRY! I KNEW IT... I FELT IT ALL THE TIME!

THEN THE WAR WHEEL WAS AN INVADER INVENTION!

YES, BUT THEY KIDNAPPED DEKKER SO YOU'D BELIEVE DEKKER WAS STILL ALIVE AND HAD GIVEN THEM THE WAR WHEEL PLUS OTHER WEAPONS! THEIR WHOLE PLAN WAS TO DEMORALIZE YOUR WAR EFFORT!

THEY WANTED YOU TO BELIEVE YOUR RESISTANCE WAS USELESS... AND THE TRICK ALMOST WORKED!

SO, IT WAS ONLY A DIABOLICALLY CLEVER BLUFF, BUT THANKS TO YOU, WE KNOW WE CAN STILL FIGHT... AND STILL WIN!

SUDDENLY, THE GROUND SHUDDERS AS THE GIGANTIC INVADER WEAPON REAPPEARS!

THE WAR WHEEL!

OKAY, BLACKHAWKS... LET'S GET AIRBORNE AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO WITH AERIAL BOMBS!

SHORTLY AFTER BOMBS HURTLE DOWN AT THE SPINY WHEEL OF DESTRUCTION!

BOMBS AWAY!

NOTHING DOINGS! WHEEL STILL ROLLS!

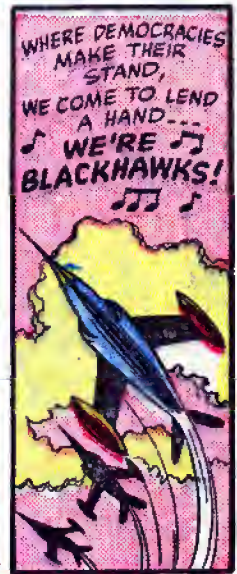
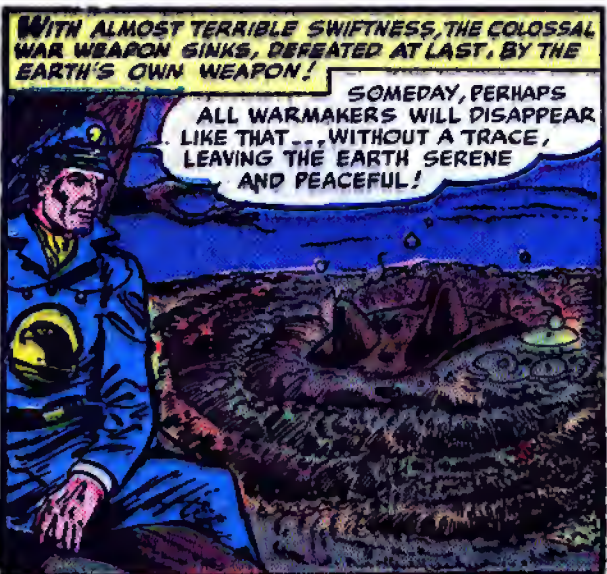
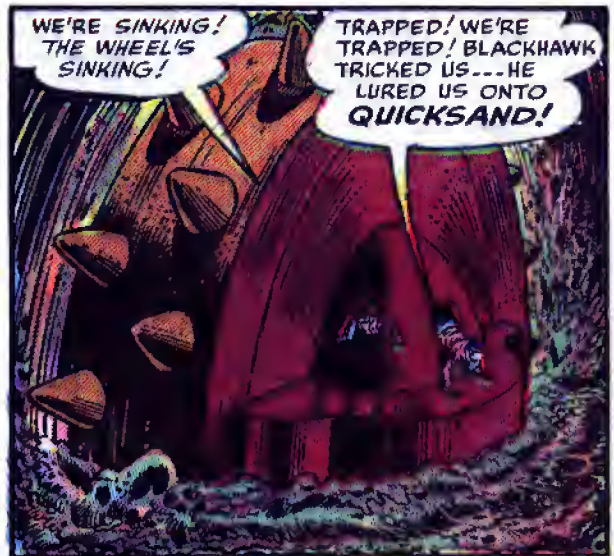
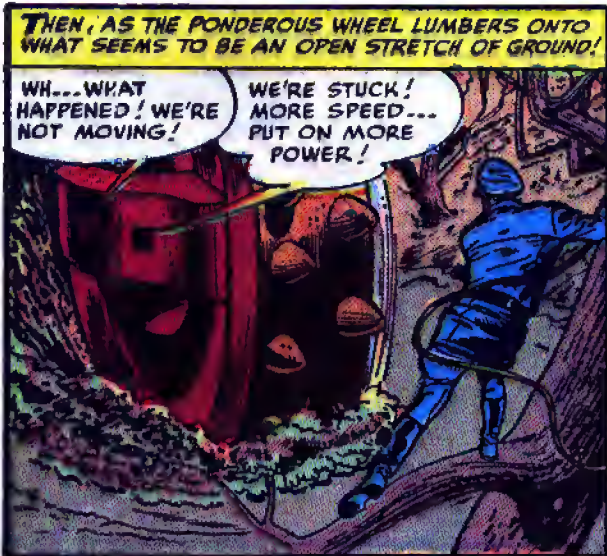
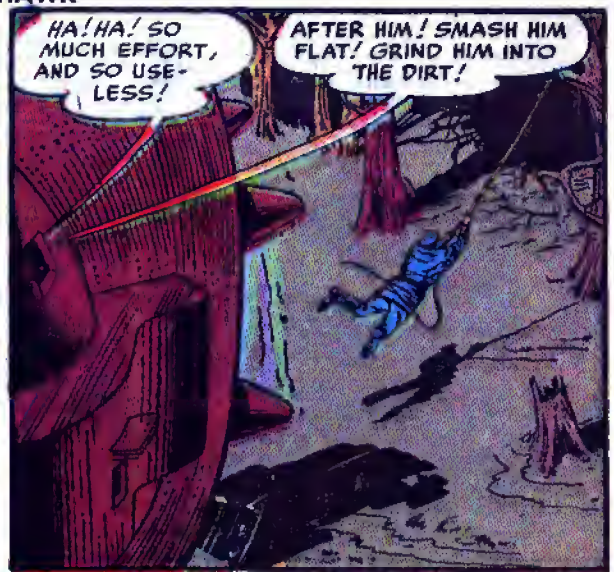
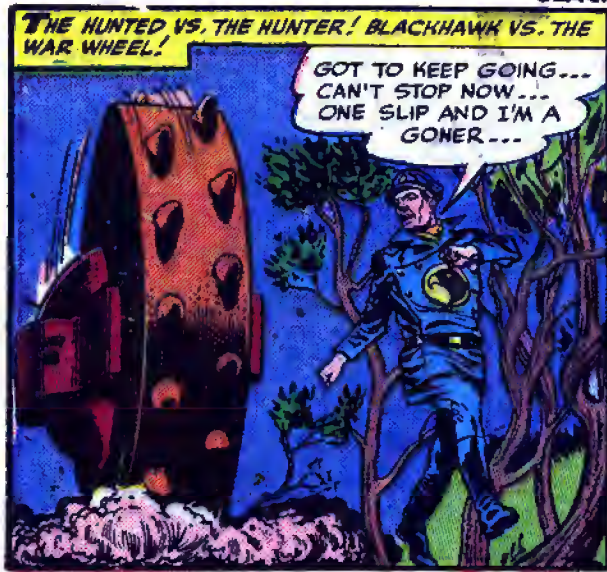
MEN, WE CAN'T CRACK THAT MONSTER'S THICK ARMOR! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY LEFT! I'M GOING DOWN!

MOMENTS LATER, THE CREW INSIDE THE WAR WHEEL LOOK OUT TO VIEW A RACING FIGURE ---

GOT TO PROTECT THE SECRET WORKSHOP DEKKER HAD HIDDEN IN THE WOODS! GOT TO SAVE IT!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? AFTER HIM! WE MUST FIND THE LABORATORY!





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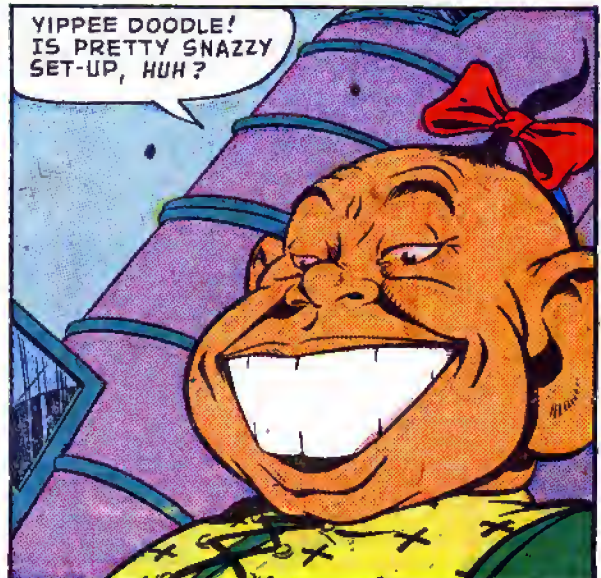
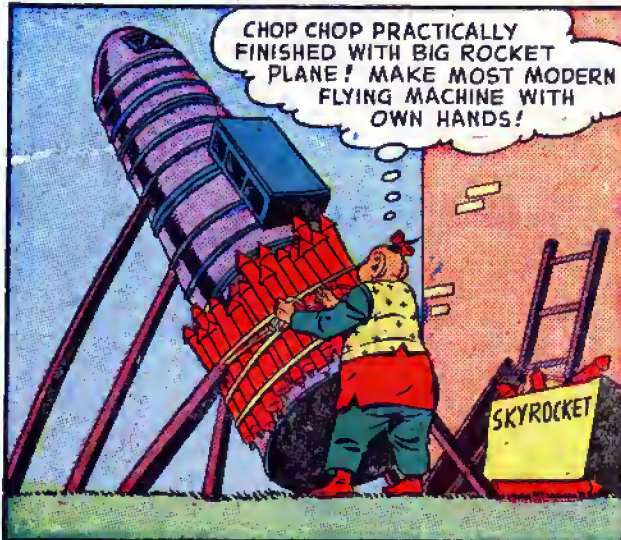
A COLUMBIA SUPER-SERIAL

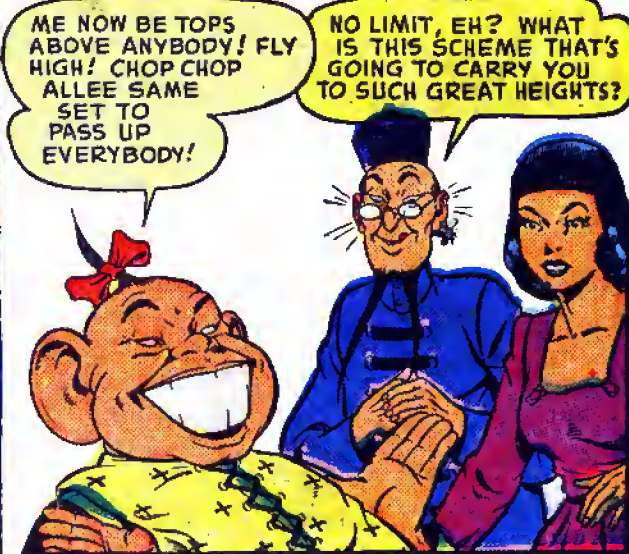
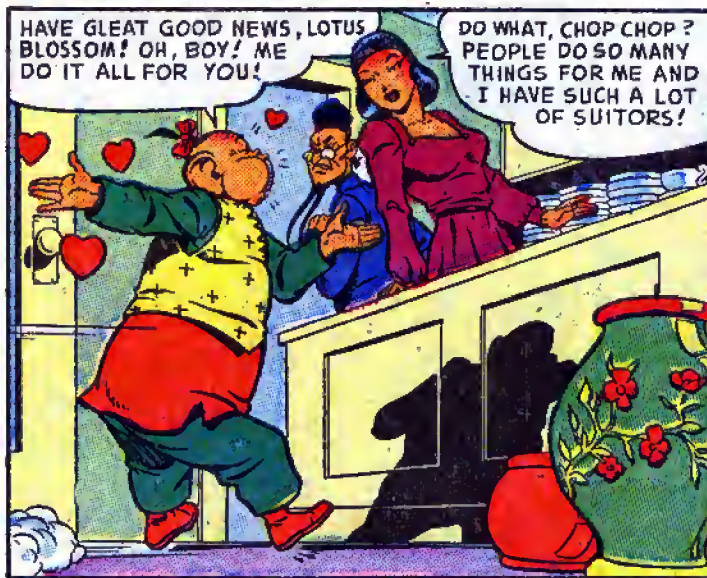
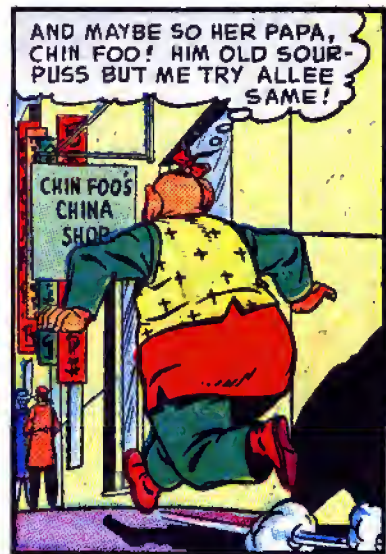
Check for the release date of the first episode of BLACKHAWK with your local movie theatre manager. If BLACKHAWK has not been scheduled, ask him to book it from COLUMBIA PICTURES CORPORATION right away.

CHOP CHOP



NEAR CHINATOWN, U.S.A....

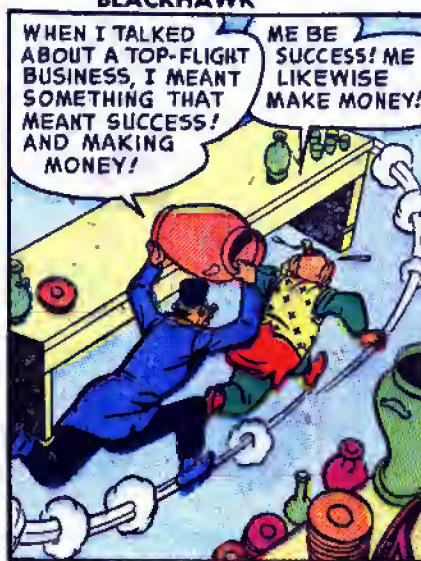






IS
ROCKET
SHIP?
ME...

A ROCKET
SHIP? WHY,
YOU NITWIT!



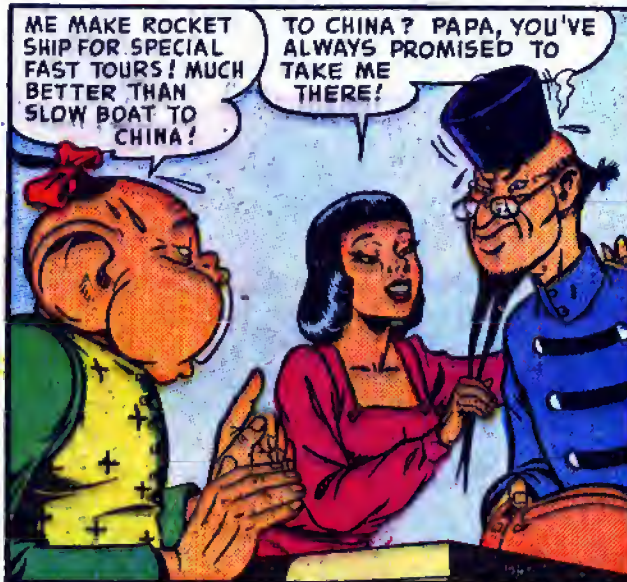
WHEN I TALKED
ABOUT A TOP-FLIGHT
BUSINESS, I MEANT
SOMETHING THAT
MEANT SUCCESS!
AND MAKING
MONEY!

ME BE
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MAKE MONEY!



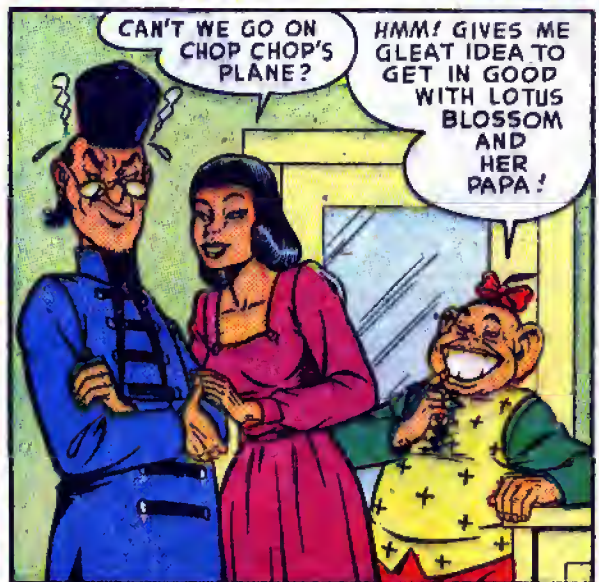
AND WOULD
BE HAPPY.
PLEASE, TO
HAVE PLEASURE
OF EXPLAINING
MOST
HONORABLE
UNDER-
TAKING!

YES, PAPA!
CHOP CHOP IS
A GOOD
FLYER! WE
MUST HEAR
WHAT HE
HAS TO
SAY!



ME MAKE ROCKET
SHIP FOR SPECIAL
FAST TOURS! MUCH
BETTER THAN
SLOW BOAT TO
CHINA!

TO CHINA? PAPA, YOU'VE
ALWAYS PROMISED TO
TAKE ME
THERE!

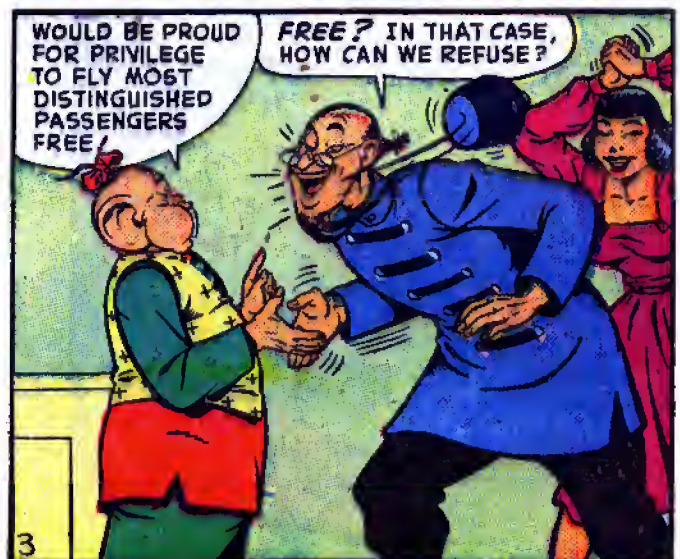


CAN'T WE GO ON
CHOP CHOP'S
PLANE?

HMM! GIVES ME
GLEAT IDEA TO
GET IN GOOD
WITH LOTUS
BLOSSOM
AND
HER PAPA!

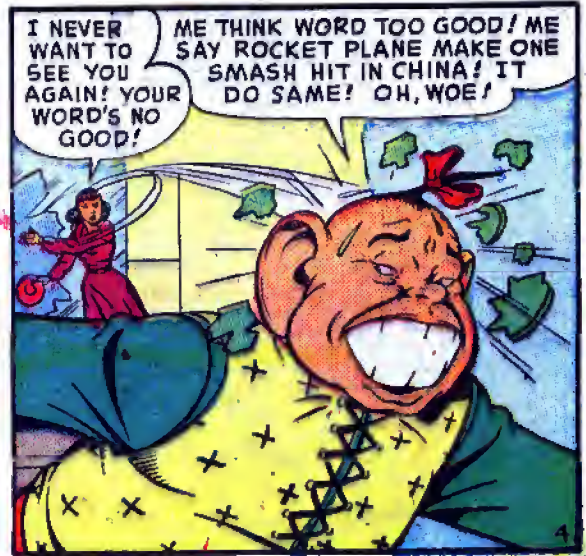
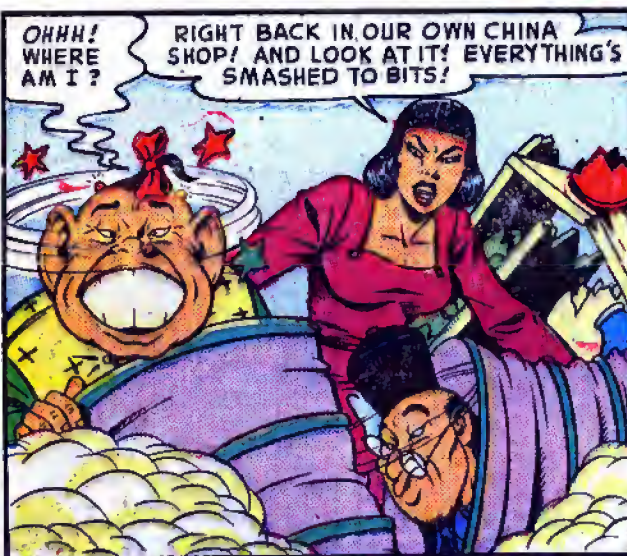
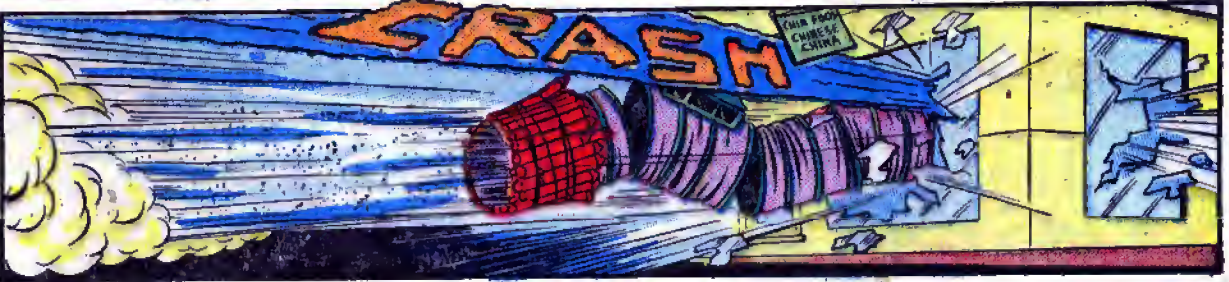
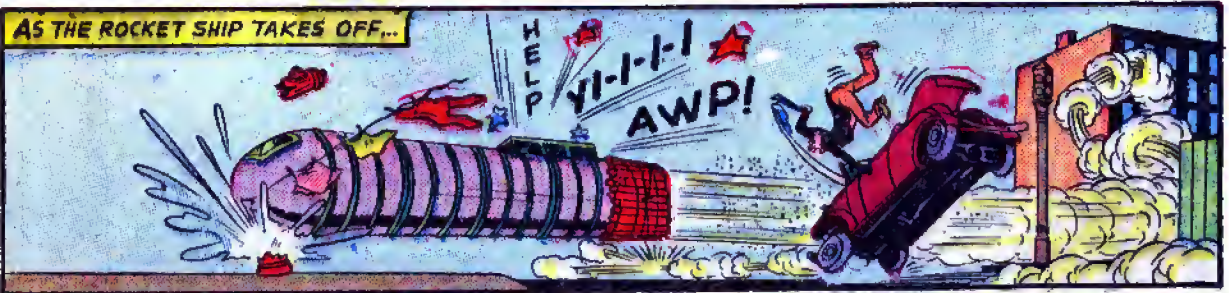
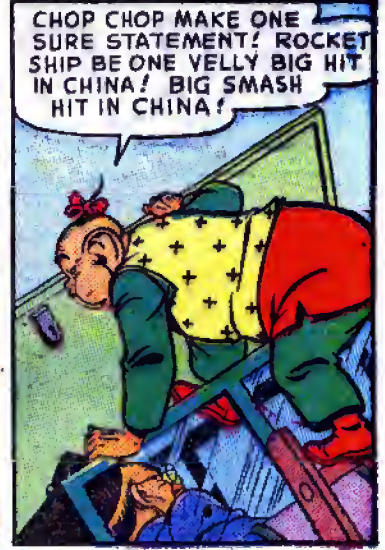


MIGHT ALSO
BE SMART STUNT
FOR
BRINGING IN
FUTURE
BUSINESS!



WOULD BE PROUD
FOR PRIVILEGE
TO FLY MOST
DISTINGUISHED
PASSENGERS
FREE!

FREE? IN THAT CASE,
HOW CAN WE REFUSE?



BLACKHAWK

IT IS ELECTION TIME IN GRELHARA AS THE WORLD-FAMED BLACKHAWKS VISIT THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY!



VALLIN WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE ELECTED AGAIN, EH, MON AMI?

YES, ANDRE, BUT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS MAKING A STRONG BID TO GAIN CONTROL AND TURN GRELHARA INTO ANOTHER RUSSIAN SATELLITE!

REELE VALLIN

OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT A VOTE FOR VALLIN IS A VOTE FOR DEMOCRACY



SUDDENLY A FANATICAL VOICE IS HEARD IN THE STREETS---

HEAR ME, FOR I AM CLAIRVOYANT! DEMOCRACY IS DECADENT... IT IS A ROTTING THING OF THE PAST!

LISTEN! THAT PHONY WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE PROPHET IS SPOUTING HIS DRIVEL AGAIN!

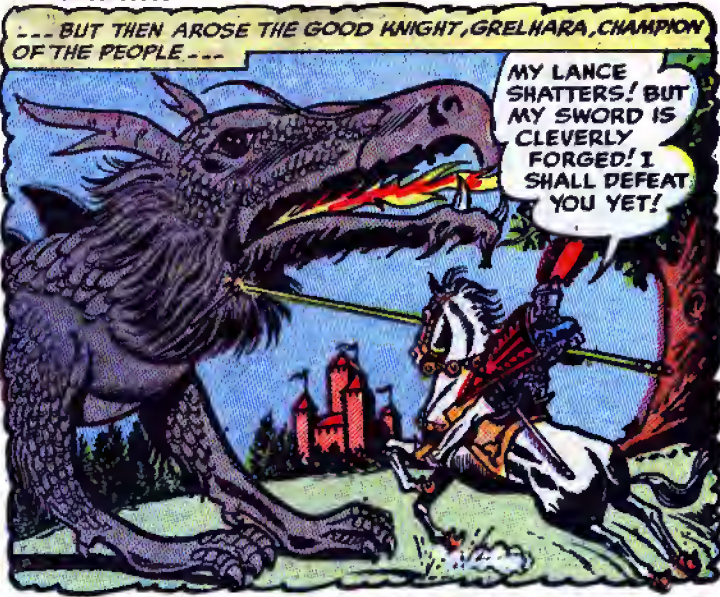


I SEE THE FUTURE! UNLESS WE ELECT THE COMMUNISTS OUR LAND IS DOOMED... FOR THE FIRE DRAGON SHALL RETURN FROM THE MISTS OF THE PAST TO DESTROY US ALL!

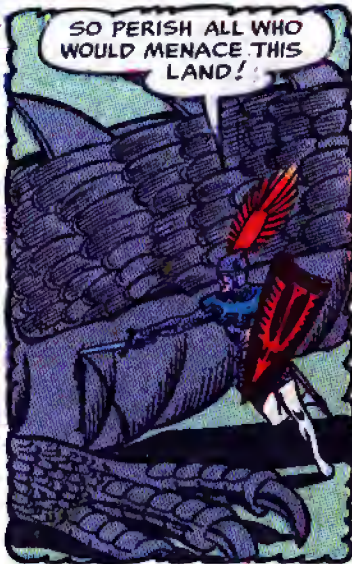
THE FIRE DRAGON!



TO THE PEOPLE OF GRELHARA, THE FIRE DRAGON WAS A LEGEND DATING BACK TO ANCIENT DAYS...



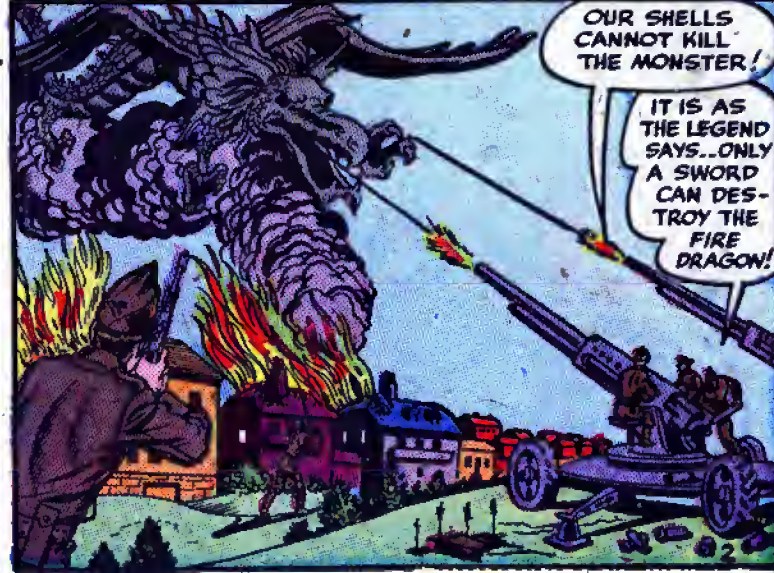
AND WITH ONE MIGHTY THRUST, GRELHARA PIERCED THE DRAGON'S VITALS TO SAVE THE COUNTRY THAT THE GRATEFUL PEOPLE WOULD NAME AFTER HIM!



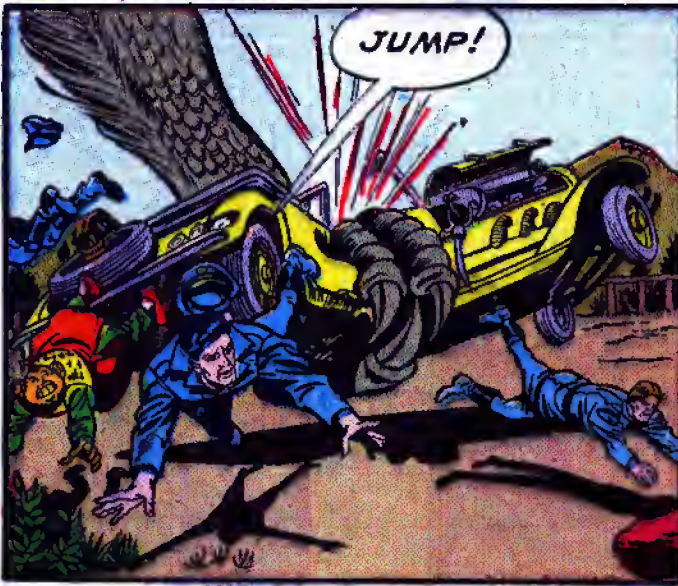
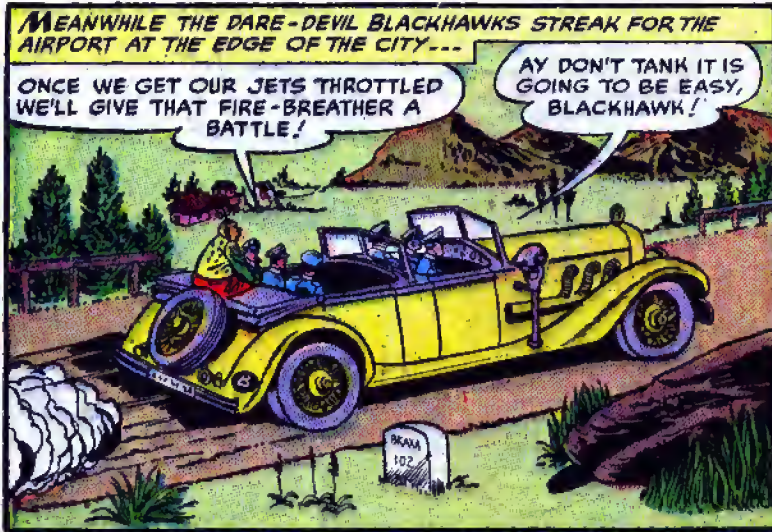
SUDDENLY A GIGANTIC SHAPE LOOMS IN THE SKY... A MONSTER SEEMING TO FLY OUT OF THE PAGES OF MYTHOLOGY!



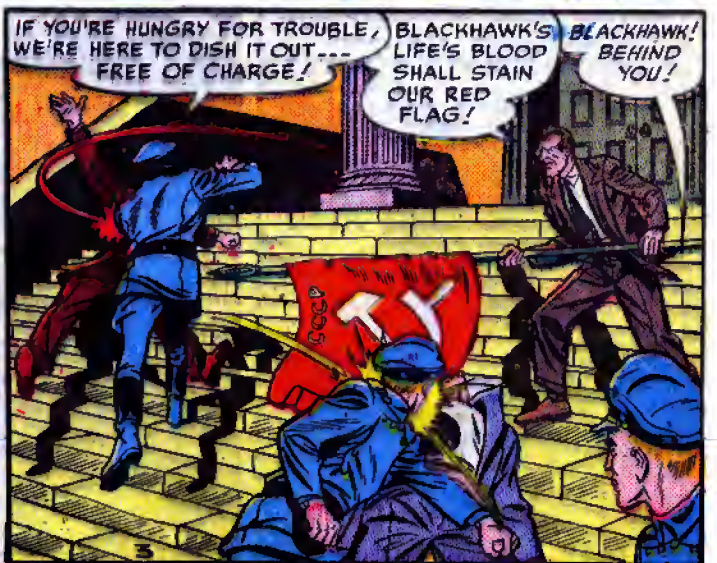
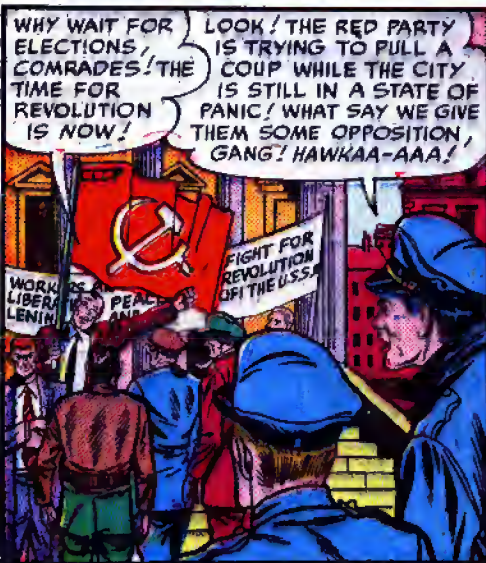
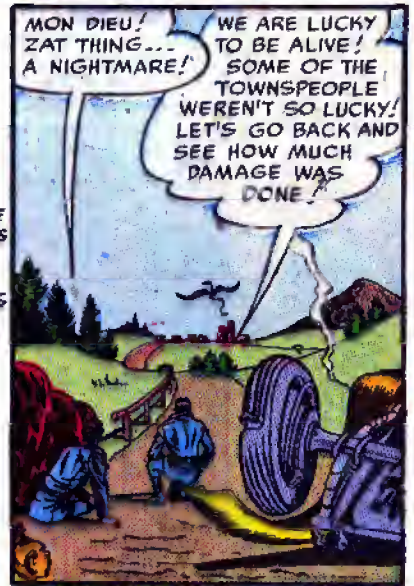
FROM THE CREATURE'S MOUTH SHOOT A LONG TONGUE OF FLAME THAT HISSES SAVAGELY WITH INCREDIBLE HEAT!



BLACKHAWK



SOON AFTER, WITH A BEATING OF HIS GREAT WINGS, THE MONSTROUS SKY DRAGON DISAPPEARS ON THE HORIZON!



BLACKHAWK

DON'T WORRY! CHOP CHOP'S TLUSTY CLEAVER WILL SLICE FLAGPOLE INTO TOOTHPICKS!



BATTLING WITH CYCLONIC FURY, THE BLACKHAWKS SOON ROUT THE REVOLUTIONARIES!

DER TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO FLY SOLO!



HEY, CHUCK, YOU TANK MAYBE WE BAN KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THEM?

JUST LET'S KNOCK 'EM SENSELESS!



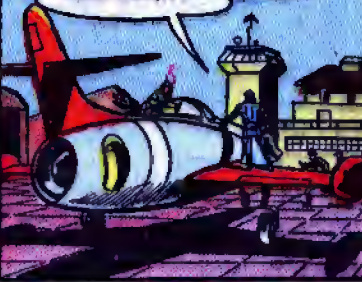
THAT'S THAT! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

TO HAVE A TALK WITH THAT SO-CALLED PROPHET! HE KNEW ABOUT THAT FIRE DRAGON! AND IT'S TIME WE FOUND OUT HOW AND WHY!



LATER, AFTER SEARCHING AND QUESTIONING...

ACCORDING TO ALL REPORTS, THE "PROPHET" WAS SEEN DRIVING FROM THE CITY AN HOUR AFTER THE FIRE DRAGON APPEARED! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM! WHEREVER THE "PROPHET" IS, THE FIRE DRAGON WILL REAPPEAR!



TWO DAYS LATER, AS THE BLACKHAWK JETS APPROACH ANOTHER LARGE GREHARA CITY...

ATTENTION, MEN! I JUST GOT A RADIO REPORT THAT THE "PROPHET" IS DELIVERING HIS SPIEL IN THIS CITY! LET'S GO GET THAT COMMIE FITCHMAN!



REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF ANOTHER CITY? ELECT THE COMMUNISTS ELSE THE FIRE DRAGON DESTROYS YOUR CITY, TOO!



LATER...

I'LL BET YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS IN YOUR CRYSTAL BALL!



BLACKHAWK

AFTERWARD, THE SO-CALLED SEER AWAKENS ONLY TO BE UNMASKED!

LOOK WHO WAS HIDING UNDER THAT SHRUBBERY! A PROPHET FOR PROFIT!

IVAN NEYVOV... AN AGENT IN THE PAY OF THE IRON CURTAIN COUNTRY!



LET'S HAVE THE TRUTH, IVAN! WHEN IS THE FIRE DRAGON GOING TO STRIKE THIS CITY? WHEN?

I WON'T TALK! I'M WILLING TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR THE CAUSE OF WORLD REVOLUTION!



YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO PROVE IT! THIS IS A ROOM IN THE EXPLOSIVES PLANT! WE'RE LEAVING NOW, BUT YOU'LL BE HERE WHEN THE FIRE DRAGON'S TONGUE LICKS THIS BUILDING!

NO...NO! I'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS! I'LL TALK, BLACKHAWK!



THE DRAGON WILL BE HERE IN JUST TWO HOURS! NOW, PLEASE, GET ME AWAY FROM HERE!

NO, IVAN! YOU'RE GOING TO STAY HERE AND STEW!



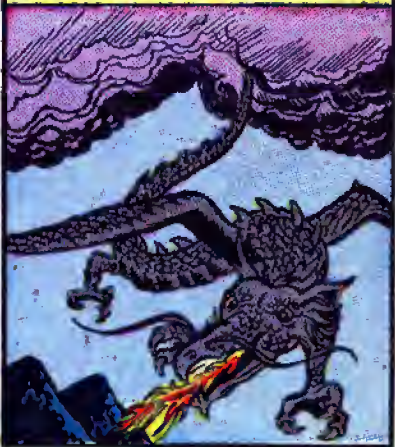
NO! YOU CAN'T! I'LL DIE!

ZE BOXES ARE EMPTY AND HE IS NOT IN ZE EXPLOSIVES PLANT, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW ZAT!

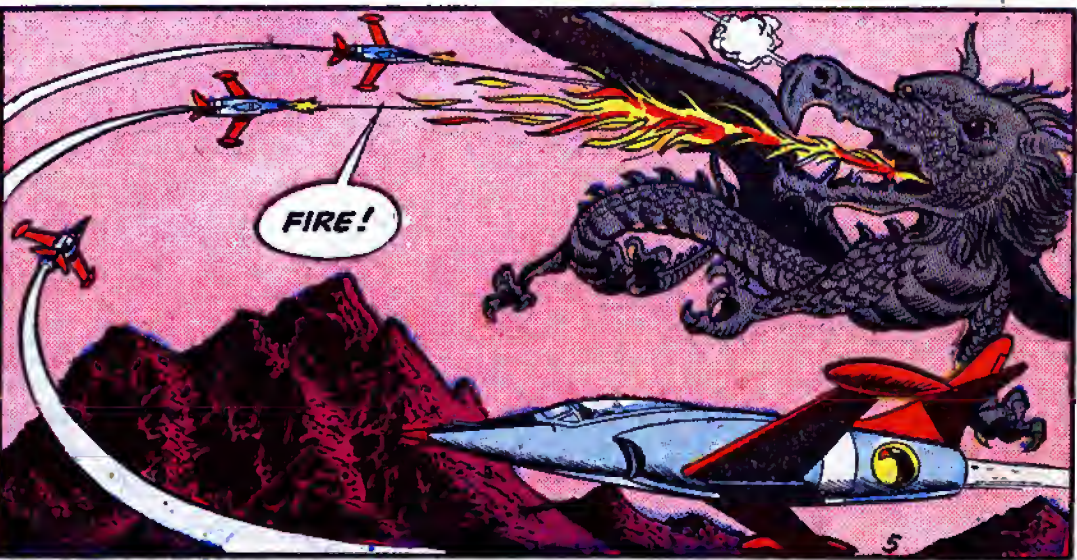
HE'LL ONLY SUFFER A LITTLE MENTAL TORTURE, THE TREACHEROUS DEVIL!



TWO HOURS LATER, LIKE SOME EVIL SPAWN OF THE GATHERING STORM CLOUDS, THE FIRE DRAGON WINGS INTO VIEW...

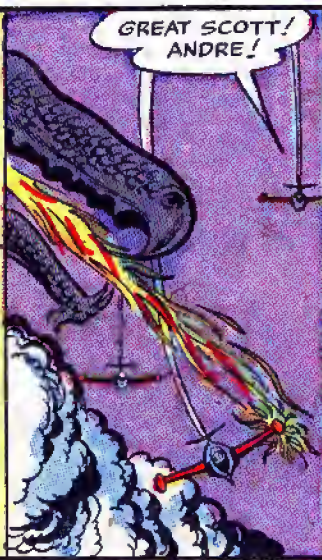


AND AT THAT INSTANT, THE SQUADRON OF BLACKHAWK JETS HURTLE FORWARD, INTERCEPTING THE DEMON SKY MONSTER!

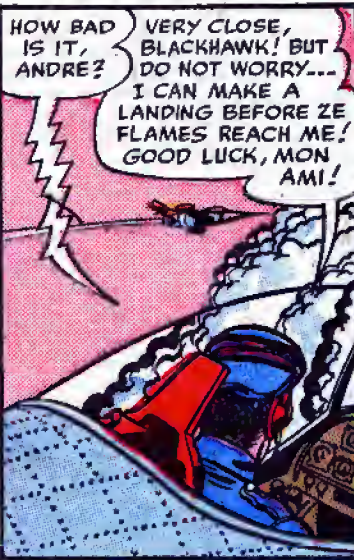


BLACKHAWK

THE SCALY SKIN SEEMS IMPERVIOUS TO THE JET FIRE, AND SUDDENLY THE MOUTH OPENS AND THE CREATURE'S FLAMING TORCH TOUCHES ANDRE'S SHIP...



HOW BAD IS IT, ANDRE?

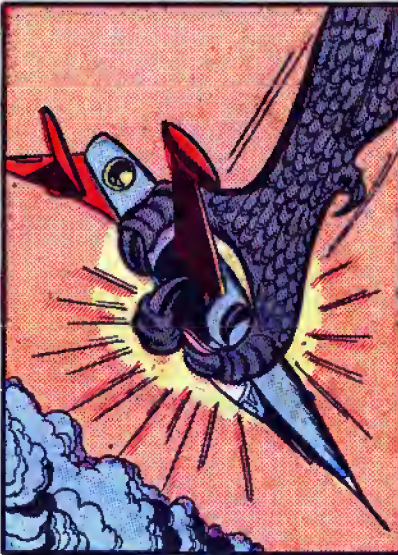


ONCE AGAIN THAT HOT BREATH HISSES OUT TO CLAIM ANOTHER VICTIM, BUT THE WILY BLACK-HAWK TEARS BELOW THE LURID FLAME...

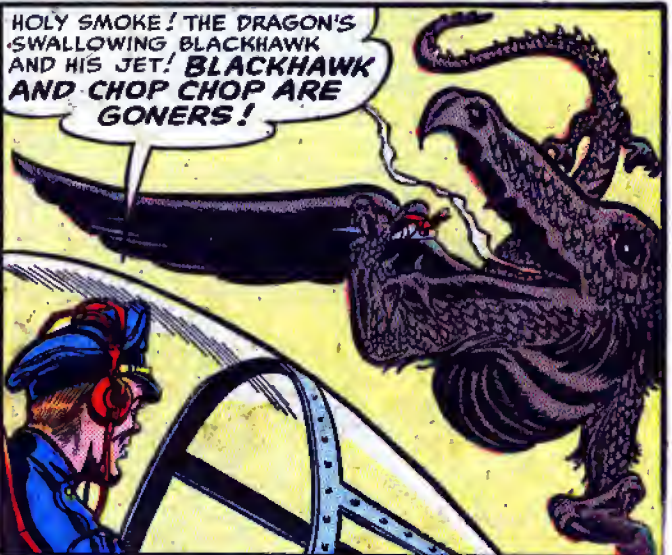
WHEW! I ALMOST BECAME A TOASTED MARSH-MALLOW THAT TIME, CHOP CHOP!



THEN, WITH TERRIBLE SWIFTNESS, THE DRAGON'S CLAWED LIMB POUNCES DOWN AND CLOSES ABOUT BLACK-HAWK'S JET!

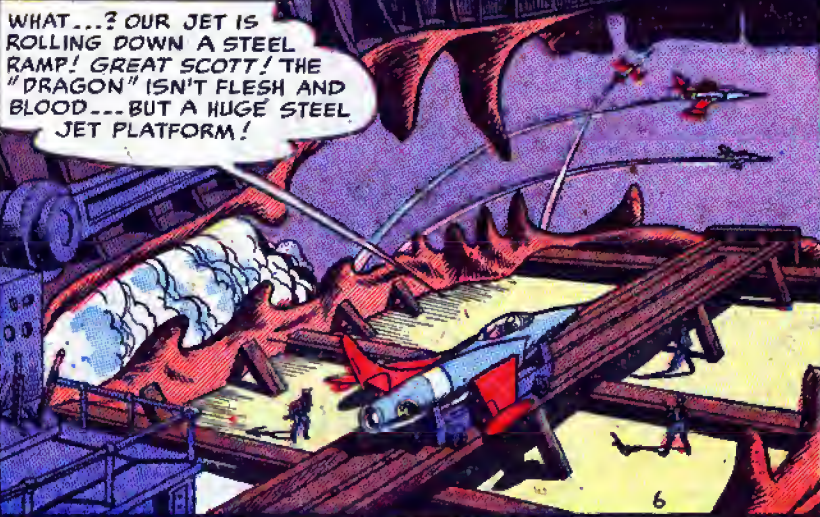


HOLY SMOKE! THE DRAGON'S SWALLOWING BLACKHAWK AND HIS JET! BLACKHAWK AND CHOP CHOP ARE GONERS!



BUT BLACKHAWK IS VERY MUCH ALIVE... AND VIEWING AN EYE-STAGGERING SIGHT!

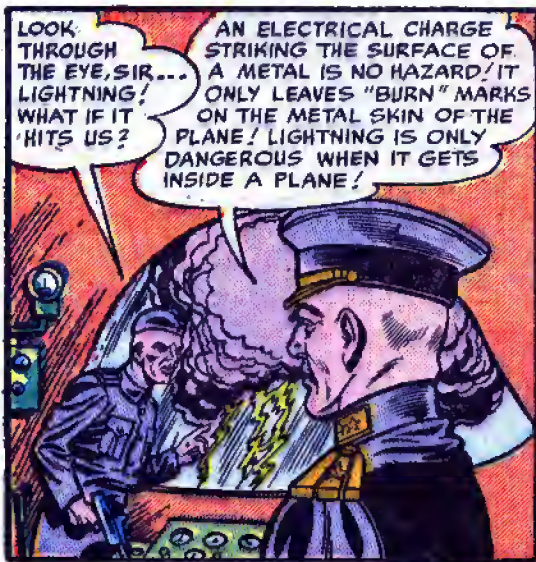
WHAT...? OUR JET IS ROLLING DOWN A STEEL RAMP! GREAT SCOTT! THE "DRAGON" ISN'T FLESH AND BLOOD... BUT A HUGE STEEL JET PLATFORM!



YES... IT IS OUR NEW SECRET WEAPON! A GIGANTIC FLYING MACHINE WHICH WILL HELP US ESTABLISH ANOTHER COMMUNIST NATION!



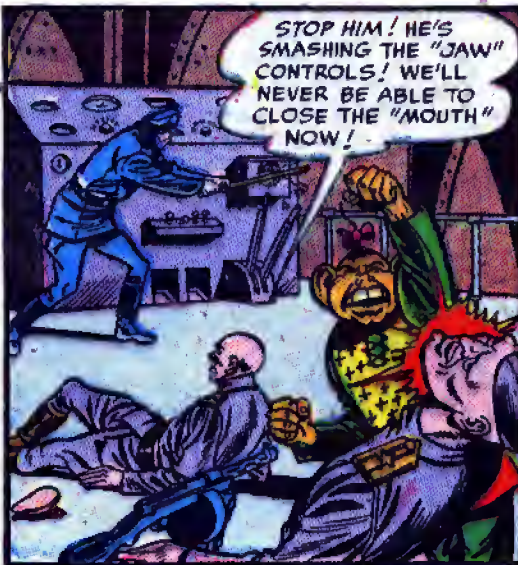
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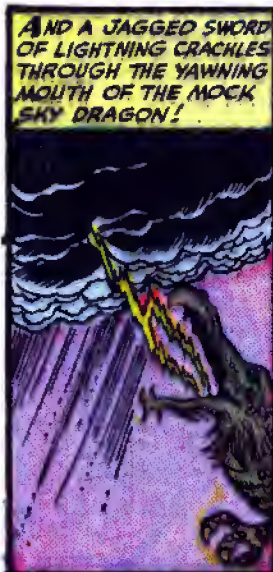
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, PAL... AND I KNOW JUST THE WAY TO INVITE THE LIGHTNING INSIDE!



BEFORE THE ASTONISHED MEN CAN MOVE, BLACK-HAWK YANKS THE LEVER THAT OPENS THE DRAGON'S JAWS WIDE, AND THEN...



BLACKHAWK AND CHOP CHOP CLAMBER INTO THEIR JET AND SLAM THE PLEXIGLASS CANOPY SHUT BEFORE THE DIS-ORGANIZED REDS CAN BRING THEM DOWN!



THE HUGE STEEL SKIN CRACKS OPEN LIKE AN EGG-SHELL, BUT SAFE FROM THE LIGHTNING IN HIS CLOSED PLANE, BLACKHAWK FLIES FROM THE DOOMED COLOSSUS TO SAFETY!



Tukari VENGEANCE

TOM CASEY awoke suddenly on the deck of the sloop to see Lyle scrambling over the side. He was in his swimming trunks and he carried something in his hand. Tom nudged Bart Neff, who was sprawled nearby, snoring peacefully. Bart came awake with a start, "What the . . ." he began. By then, Lyle was at their sides, dripping wet. Tom noticed that whatever he had held clutched in his hand as he came over the side, was now out of sight.

"You guys can go back to sleep," Lyle panted. "I just took a midnight dip." Tom sat up, "Are you sure that's all you were up to, pal? I noticed you came aboard carrying something. What was it?" At this, Bart awoke fully, "Don't tell us you invaded the native's sacred cave," he snapped. "They warned us not to come ashore at night."

"Lyle gestured contemptuously and then slowly drew a dagger from the beltline of his trunks. The sloop swung with the tide so the moon suddenly fell on the weapon and it seemed to come alive in the flash of jewels that encrusted the hilt. There was a sharp intake of breath, then Lyle spoke. "You guys can't blame me for making an excursion ashore. This little gimmick is worth a fortune. It's the famous Tukari sacrificial dagger. It's centuries old and will bring a mint from the collectors back in the states." Tom and Bart seemed unable to speak, then Bart burst out, "You idiot! The sacred dagger of the Tukaris carries a curse. It will mean trouble, real trouble, for all of us." Tom interrupted, "We came out here just to cruise around and see some sights, Lyle. If I'd known you were going to pull anything like this, I'd never have agreed to stop here. So far the natives have been friendly, but you've committed more than a theft against the Tukaris. It's a sacrilege."

Lyle was laughing openly by the time Tom finished his speech. "I'm not going to worry about it and neither will you when you get one third of the cash this thing will bring," and he waved the dagger at them. "After all, what's the use of this south sea trek if we can't put a few kicks in it. Now if you'll just settle down for a few hours shut-eye, we can weigh anchor in the morning, wave goodbye to the natives, and sail off without arousing any suspicion." He sprawled out on the deck, carefully placing the dagger under a nearby tarpaulin. "Anyway," he continued, "they probably won't miss it for days. It's only used in special ceremonies and there wasn't a guard in sight when I went to the cave. Now quit worrying and let's get some sleep."

"I hope you know what you're talking about," said Tom slowly. "Okay, okay," cut in Bart, "let's conk off. We've got a three day sail back to port ahead of us." They drifted off to sleep with the soft sway of the sloop.

Tom Casey sat bolt upright. This time he awoke

in a cold sweat. He didn't see anything but his companions snoring peacefully nearby, yet he sensed danger in the breeze suddenly turned cold. Then he saw them, great shadows moving slowly, silently, over the side. He was paralyzed with fear and when he tried to warn the others, his voice came out in a barely audible squeak. It was enough to arouse Bart. He sat up, stretching and yawning, "Is it time to get moving? I—". He saw them too, closing in. Their faces were hideous masks of death, and their bodies were smeared with a grayish grease that gave off a wicked stench. It must have been the stench that finally woke Lyle. He was groggy and the first thing he did was to reach under the tarpaulin for the sacred dagger. As he did, his hand was caught in a viselike grip. He looked up and screamed. It was a strange sound to come from a man and it held all the terror felt by the other men, only they were powerless to express it.

Lyle disappeared into a circle that moved to the side of the sloop, while two death's heads knelt down in front of Bart and Tom holding out a gourd to each of the frightened men. They choked down the bitter liquid and then watched the death's heads back away from them and slip over the side into the water. Tom started to follow but a paralysis came over him. "I can't m-move," he gasped. Bart stared straight ahead and answered calmly, "Neither can I. We've either been drugged or poisoned, and it won't be long before we know." "I wonder what they'll do to Lyle," said Tom. "You don't think they'll—" Bart cut in, "I don't want to think about it, Tom. Lyle committed the highest crime as far as the Tukaris are concerned. I just don't want to think about—" his voice trailed off as his eyes closed.

Tom and Bart came out of it simultaneously as the early light broke over the east. Lyle was sprawled out in his usual spot and for a moment the same thought struck them both. "Maybe it was really just a nightmare," said Tom. But a faint stench lingered in the air over Lyle and they recalled the night more vividly.

They both had trouble moving, it was slow and laborious. The drug must have been powerful. Bart tapped Lyle on the back. He didn't move. Then Bart turned him over. His eyes were wide open and his face was contorted in horror. Tom let out a curse, "They've murdered him," he snarled. "We'll bring the authorities into this death hole and—" "Quiet down, Tom," said Bart. "Lyle may have been murdered, but not by any of the conventional methods." He looked towards the peaceful island, basking in the early morning sun.

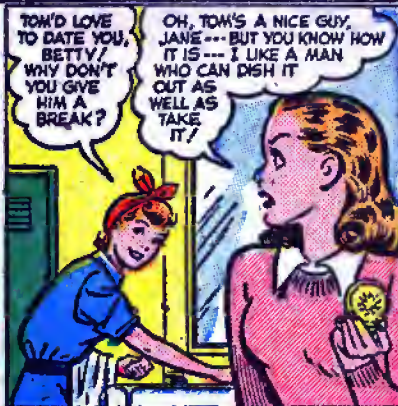
"Lyle died of heart failure. The Tukaris have been avenged." He looked down at Lyle, "And what a horrible vengeance they must have taken."

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SURE, TOM, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS AND MORE FOR THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB... BUT YOU'VE NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE TOUGH HOMBRES IN THE SHOP IN LINE!

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!



TOM'D LOVE TO DATE YOU, BETTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A BREAK?

OH, TOM'S A NICE GUY, JANE... BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS... I LIKE A MAN WHO AS TAKE IT!



IT'S NO USE, SAM... I'M MOVING ON! I'M WORSE THAN A WASH-OUT IN THIS PLANT! I CAN'T GET PROMOTIONS LIKE YOU!

TAKE IT EASY, TOM! ALL YOU NEED IS A DAILY, 10-MINUTE WORK-OUT WITH 'MINI-GYM' AND YOU'LL SOON BE GIVING ME A RUN FOR MY MONEY! HERE, LOOK AT THIS AD!



GOSH, SAM, I'M A NEW MAN! AM I GLAD YOU MADE ME CLIP THAT 'MINI-GYM' COUPON! WATCH ME DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE TO AGAIN! IT'S A KILLER-DILLER!

GO TO IT, KID! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU HAD THE STUFF, BUT IT TAKES 'MINI-GYM' TO GIVE A MAN TOP TRAINING!



NEXT TIME, FELLER, YOU'D BETTER THINK FIRST BEFORE YOU START SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH AT ME!

OH, TOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

HONEST, TOM, I-I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!

TWO MONTHS LATER...



THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB IS YOURS, TOM! AND I DON'T HAVE TO WISH YOU LUCK! YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF INTO A REAL "COMER" WHO MAKES HIS OWN LUCK!

THANKS, BOSS! I'LL MAKE GOOD... AND HOW!

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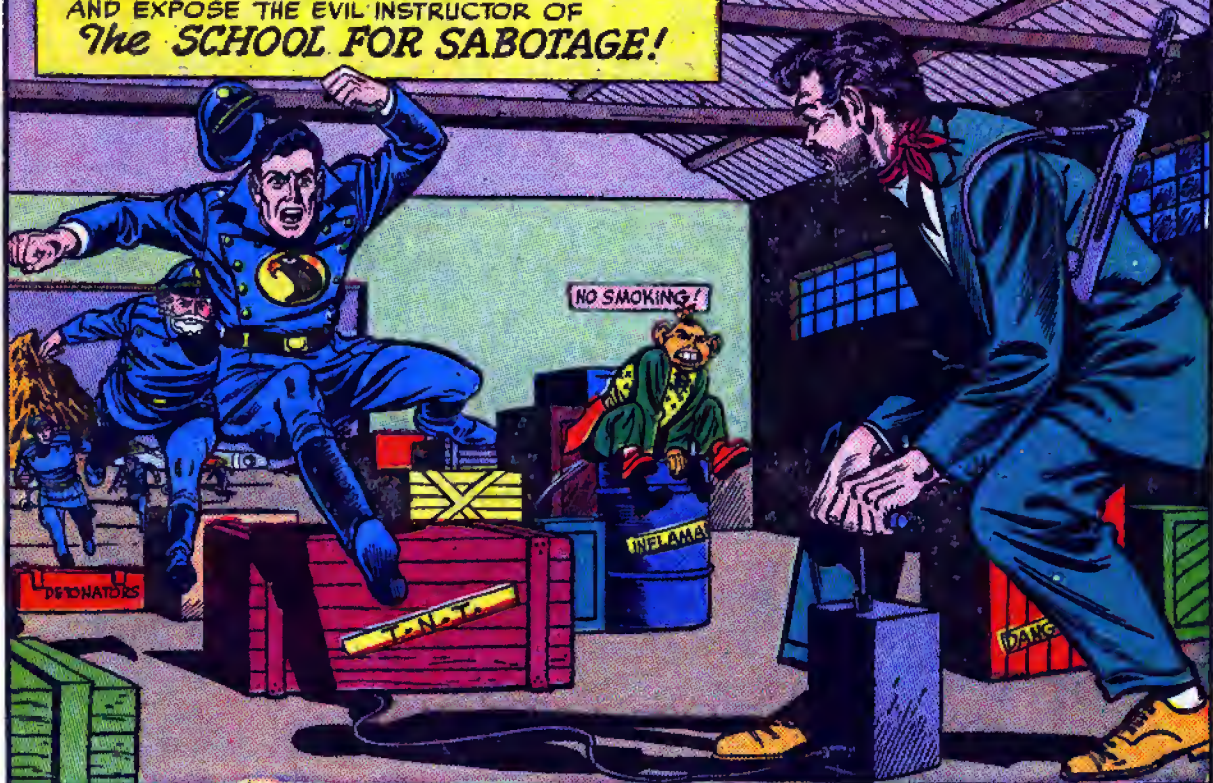
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BLACKHAWK

IT WAS THE STRANGEST SCHOOL IN THE WORLD... FOR THE SCHOOL COURSE INCLUDED EXPLOSIONS, WRECKING, FIRES AND BOMBING! HERE THE PUPILS WERE TAUGHT TO BRING RUIN AND DEATH TO DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES! ONLY THE BLACKHAWKS WERE ABLE TO CLOSE THE DOOR ON THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE FOR REDS AND EXPOSE THE EVIL INSTRUCTOR OF *The SCHOOL FOR SABOTAGE!*



IN THE FREE COUNTRY OF RANAGIA, FIRE SUDDENLY FLARES UP IN AN ARMS FACTORY...

LAST WEEK THE TANK PLANT AND THE RADAR PLANT WERE WRECKED! AND NOW... THIS!

THEY COULDN'T ALL BE ACCIDENTS!

THEN THE VERY SKY SEEMS TO TREMBLE AS JET ENGINES THUNDER OVERHEAD...

LOOK! THE BLACKHAWKS!

HURRAH! THE BLACKHAWKS HAVE COME TO HELP OUR COUNTRY!

WHA...?? THE BLACKHAWKS ARE DROPPING BOMBS!

THEY HAVE NOT COME TO HELP US... BUT TO DESTROY US!



BUT THE BOMBS DO NOT DEMOLISH THE FACTORY! INSTEAD THEY BURST HARMLESSLY AND SPEW A STRANGE SUBSTANCE ON THE BLAZE!



ALMOST AT ONCE, THE FLAMES DIE DOWN SULLENLY...

OUR CHEMICAL BOMBS CERTAINLY DOUSED THAT FIRE FAST, EH, CHOP CHOP?

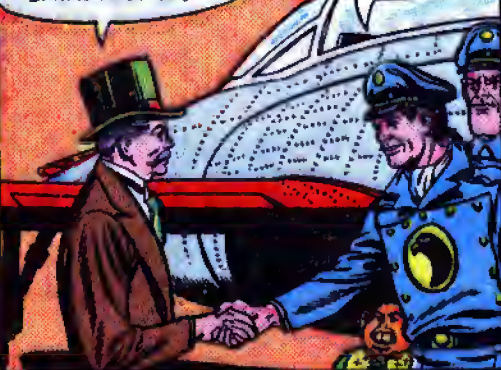
VELLY OKEY-DOKEY NOW! NOT ENOUGH FIRE NOW TO LIGHT ONE CIGAR!



LATER, UPON LANDING THE BLACK-HAWKS ARE SWIFTLY MET BY RANAGIA'S BELOVED PRESIDENT KOLT!

WELCOME, MY FRIENDS! I'M GLAD I HAD THE FORESIGHT TO CALL YOU AT BLACKHAWK ISLAND AND PREPARE YOU FOR OUR LATEST CATASTROPHE!

IT GAVE US A CHANCE TO LOAD OUR JETS WITH CHEMICAL BOMBS BEFORE WE TOOK OFF!



YOU KNOW OUR SITUATION, BLACKHAWK! EVER SINCE THE AGGRESSOR NATION HAS THREATENED OUR BORDERS, OUR DEFENSE PLANTS HAVE HAD MANY 'ACCIDENTS'!

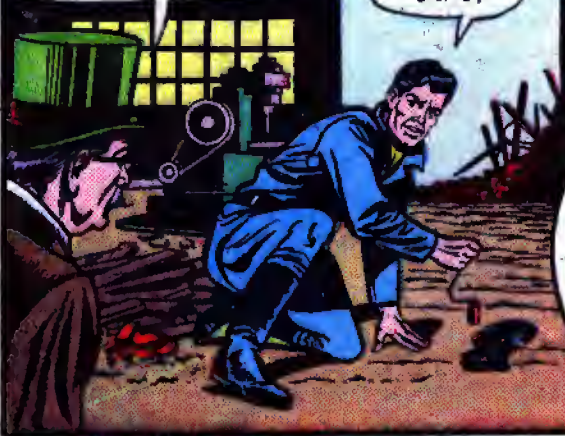
SABOTAGE SOUNDS LIKE A BETTER WORD! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE LATEST 'ACCIDENT'!



LATER, IN THE ARMS PLANT...

ONE OF THE WORKMEN WAS POSITIVE THE FIRE STARTED AT THIS POINT!

HE'S RIGHT! AND IT WAS SABOTAGE! THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF A HOME-MADE FIRE BOMB!



STEEL WOOL SOAKED IN GASOLINE... AND A TIME FUSE MADE WITH ORDINARY FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES! THIS IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND SIMPLEST TRICKS IN SABOTAGE!

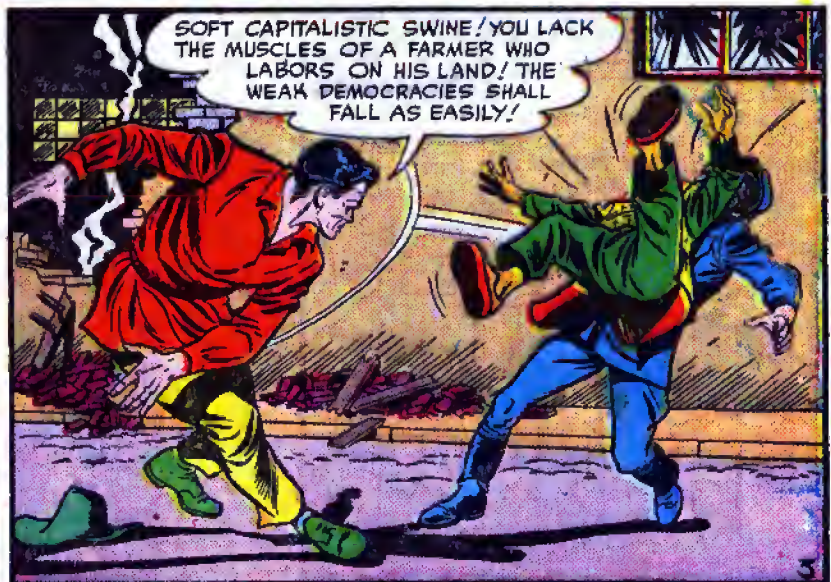
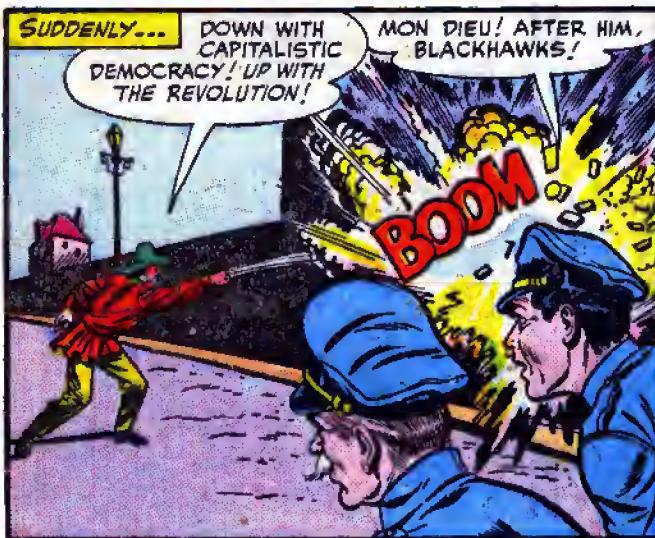


BUT IT'S NOT THE KIND OF TRICK ANY ORDINARY RED SYMPATHIZER WOULD KNOW, PRESIDENT KOLT! IT MEANS THE MAN WHO DID THIS WAS TRAINED IN SABOTAGE! HE WAS A GRADUATE OF A SOVIET SCHOOL FOR SABOTAGE!



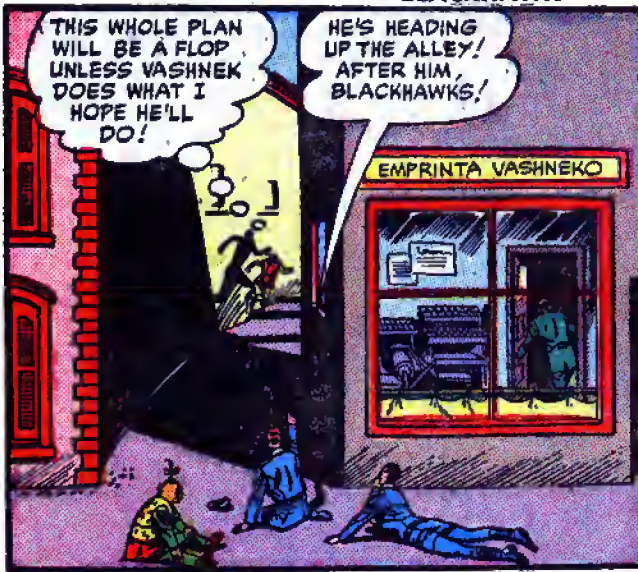


NEXT DAY, AS IS HIS CUSTOM, VASHNEK IDLES OUTSIDE HIS SMALL PRINTING SHOP, WHEN HE NOTES A FURTIVE FIGURE NEARBY...



BLACKHAWK

ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE DISGUISED BLACKHAWK MAKES HIS "ESCAPE" DOWN THE ALLEY FLANKING VASHNEK'S PRINTING SHOP!



THIS WHOLE PLAN WILL BE A FLOP UNLESS VASHNEK DOES WHAT I HOPE HE'LL DO!

HE'S HEADING UP THE ALLEY! AFTER HIM, BLACKHAWKS!

SUDDENLY, AT THE END OF THE ALLEY, A DOOR OPENS...

INSIDE, HURRY! YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE!

VASHNEK! IT WORKED!



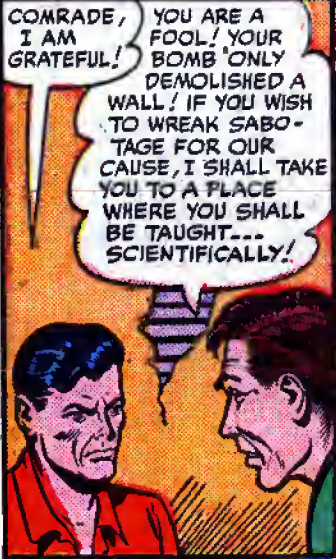
DID YOU SEE A MAN RUN PAST HERE?

YES...HE WENT THAT WAY...TOWARD THAT YARD! HE COULD ESCAPE THROUGH THAT DOOR WHICH LEADS TO THE STREET!



COMRADE, I AM GRATEFUL!

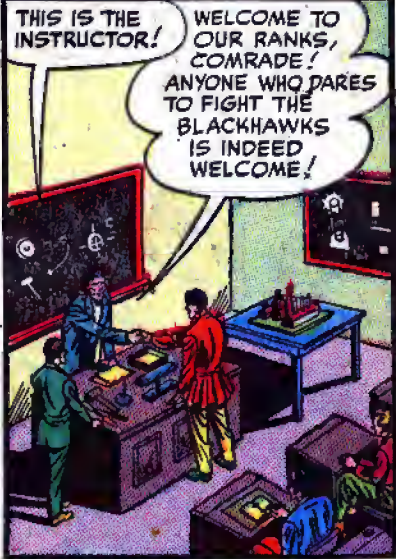
YOU ARE A FOOL! YOUR BOMB ONLY DEMOLISHED A WALL! IF YOU WISH TO WREAK SABOTAGE FOR OUR CAUSE, I SHALL TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOU SHALL BE TAUGHT... SCIENTIFICALLY!



AND THAT NIGHT, THE DISGUISED BLACKHAWK IS TAKEN TO A PLACE ADVERTISED AS A SCHOOL FOR CARPENTRY... BUT ACTUALLY IS A SCHOOL FOR SABOTAGE!

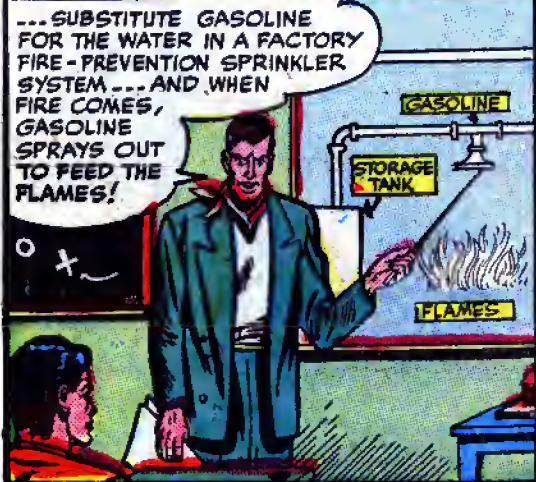
THIS IS THE INSTRUCTOR!

WELCOME TO OUR RANKS, COMRADE! ANYONE WHO DARES TO FIGHT THE BLACKHAWKS IS INDEED WELCOME!



AND SO, BLACKHAWK BECOMES A STUDENT IN THE UNUSUAL CLASS, WHERE SABOTAGE IS A SCIENCE!

...SUBSTITUTE GASOLINE FOR THE WATER IN A FACTORY FIRE-PREVENTION SPRINKLER SYSTEM...AND WHEN FIRE COMES, GASOLINE SPRAYS OUT TO FEED THE FLAMES!



IN A HUGE ROOM, A DUMMY INDUSTRIAL PLANT BUILT OF WOOD IS USED FOR THE PRACTICE OF SUBTLE DAMAGE TO MACHINE GEARS!

NOW I RUIN THE GEARS BY DROPPING FINE SAND BETWEEN THEM! RIGHT?

NO...NO! YOU AVOID SUSPICION BY USING AN OIL CAN...BUT ACTUALLY THE OIL CONTAINS FINE SAND WITHIN IT!



LATER, THAT SAME NIGHT...

TONIGHT WE HAVE OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT...THE WRECKING OF THE RANAGIA JET PLANE PLANT! I MYSELF, SHALL LEAD THE SABOTAGE!

ONCE CLASS IS DISMISSED I'LL RADIO THE BLACK-HAWKS AND WE'LL GET THE INSTRUCTOR HIMSELF!

AND AS A REWARD FOR YOUR BRAVERY IN FIGHTING THE BLACKHAWKS TODAY, YOU SHALL JOIN US!

ME?

OH-OH! NOW HOW CAN I WARN THE BLACK-HAWKS?

LATER, AT THE JET PLANT...

BY GRABBING THE GUARD MYSELF, I'LL MAKE SURE HE ISN'T KILLED!

EXCELLENT WORK! NOW HE CAN BE BOUND AND GAGGED EASILY!

WORK SWIFTLY, COMRADES! I WANT TIME BOMBS PLACED AT EVERY STRATEGIC POINT!

HERE'S MY CHANCE TO CONTACT THE BLACK-HAWKS!

I'LL PLACE ONE INSIDE THE WIND TUNNEL! THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TEST PLANES IN THERE AGAIN!

ONCE INSIDE THE HUGE WIND TUNNEL, BLACKHAWK UNBUTTONS HIS PEASANT BLOUSE TO GET AT HIS BELT RADIO!

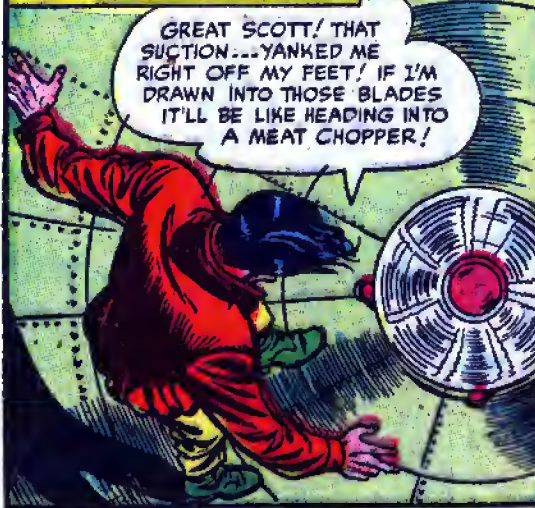
CALLING BLACKHAWKS! WITH SABOTAGE MOB AT JET PLANT! COME A-RUNNING! CALLING BLACKHAWKS...

WHAT'S TAKING THAT NEW MAN SO LONG TO... OHO! BLACKHAWK HIMSELF! SO! I MUST ACT QUICKLY!

WHAT? THE DOOR... SLAMMED... AND LOCKED! I'M TRAPPED IN HERE!

I'VE STARTED THE CONTROLS, BLACKHAWK! SOON THE SUCTION WILL DRAW YOUR BODY RIGHT INTO THE BLADES! YOU'LL DIE...MOST UNPLEASANTLY!

THE GIANT BLADES SPIN FASTER, UNTIL THEY REACH THE FURY OF A HURRICANE...

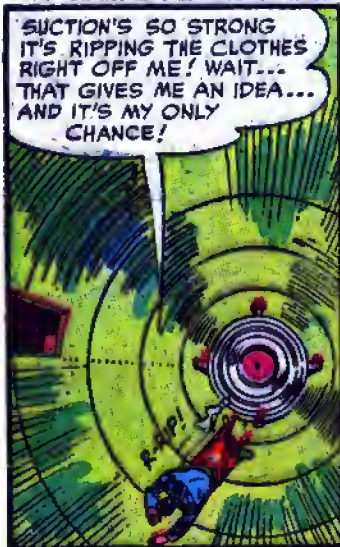


GREAT SCOTT! THAT SUCTION...YANKED ME RIGHT OFF MY FEET! IF I'M DRAWN INTO THOSE BLADES IT'LL BE LIKE HEADING INTO A MEAT CHOPPER!

THOUGH BLACKHAWK CLAWS AT THE SLICK FLOOR FOR TRACTION, THE BUILDING SUCTION OF THE CHURNING BLADES DRAWS HIM... SLIDING... BUT CLOSER ALL THE WHILE!



UH...CAN'T STOP MYSELF... CAN'T FIGHT THE SUCTION!



SUCTION'S SO STRONG IT'S RIPPING THE CLOTHES RIGHT OFF ME! WAIT... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA... AND IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!

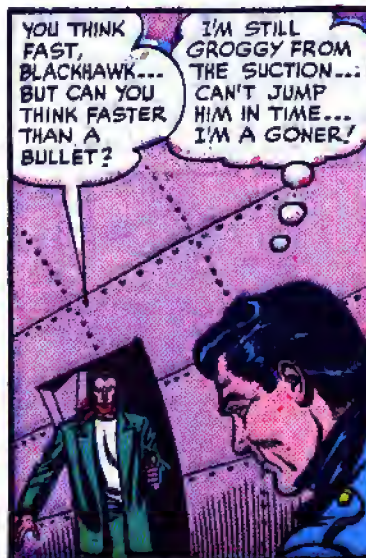


THOSE PEASANT BOOTS WERE THICK AND HEAVY! ONCE THEY'RE SUCKED INTO THOSE BLADES, THEY MAY DO THE TRICK!



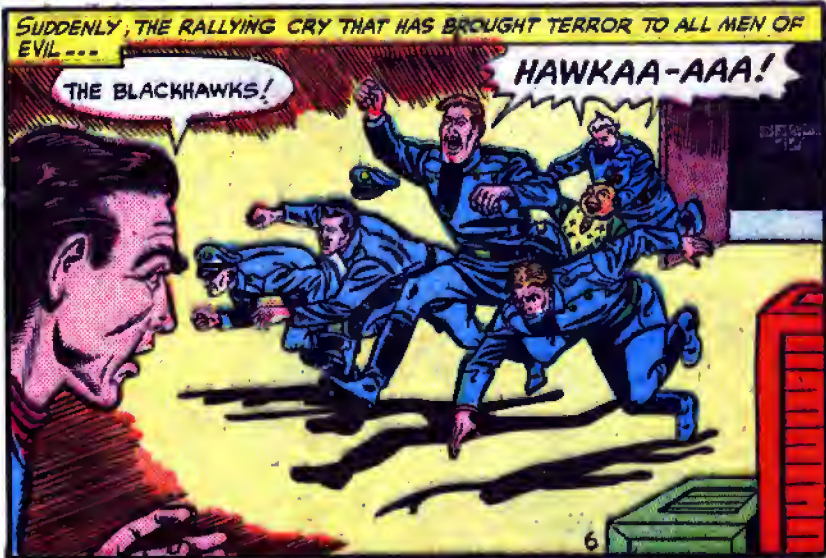
MOMENTS LATER...

THE BLADES ARE SLOWING DOWN! THE TRICK WORKED! THE PIECES OF THOSE HEAVY SHOES WERE SUCKED RIGHT INTO THE MOTOR AND JAMMED IT!



YOU THINK FAST, BLACKHAWK... BUT CAN YOU THINK FASTER THAN A BULLET?

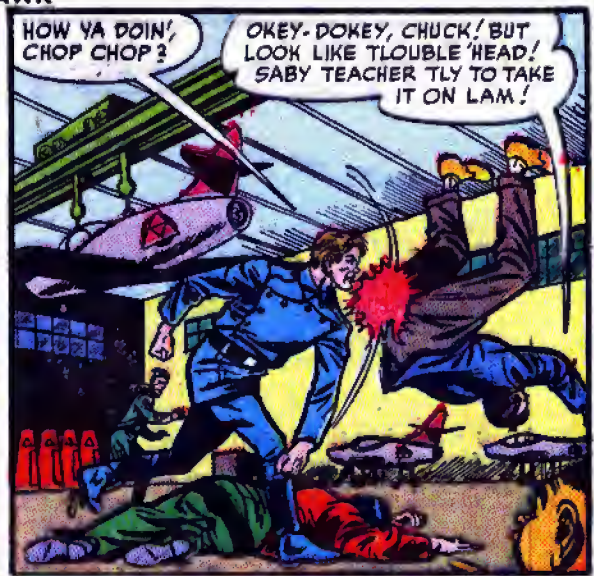
I'M STILL GROGGY FROM THE SUCTION... CAN'T JUMP HIM IN TIME... I'M A GONER!



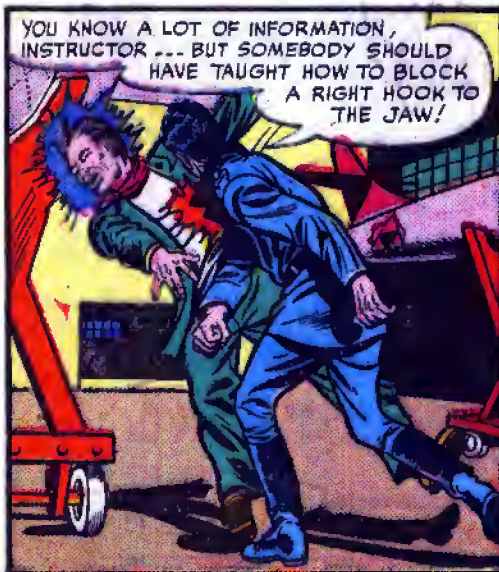
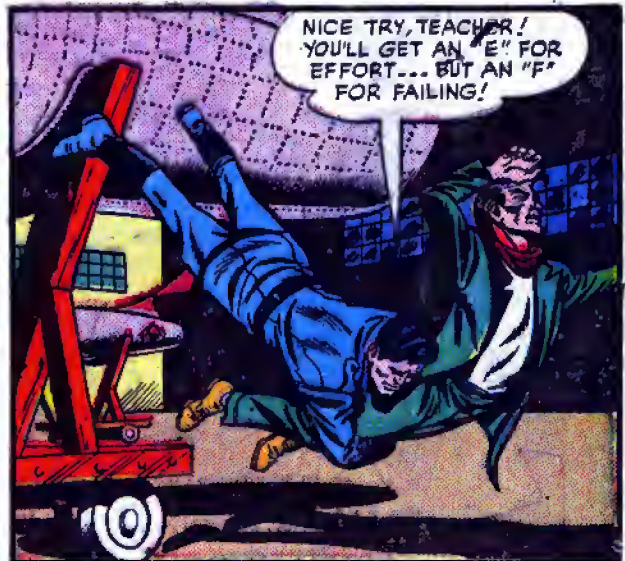
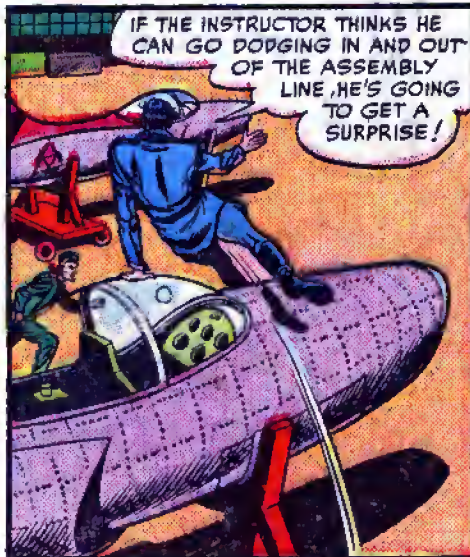
SUDDENLY, THE RALLYING CRY THAT HAS BROUGHT TERROR TO ALL MEN OF EVIL...

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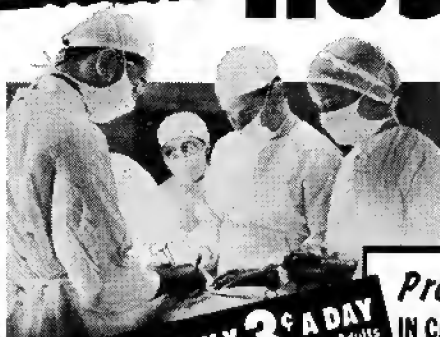
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